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Boost for rail in new Labour transport plan

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Labour Party yesterday unveiled a new transport policy that could put 20p a gallon on petrol while scrapping road tax and could add several hundred pounds to the annual tax bill of company car users.

The proposals are part of an ambitious programme aimed at shifting traffic and freight from road to rail, improving public transport, holding down fares and bringing heavy lorries under stricter control.

At the same time, spending on British Rail would receive a boost targetted on improving passenger services, holding down fares and shifting freight away from the roads.

Labour would also repeal the 1985 Transport Act which deregulates bus routes, and it would encourage local councils to return to running services.

The party's ambitious proposals, which would be principally implemented through transport plans drawn up by local authorities, are set out in *Fresh Directions*, a policy document published yesterday.

It pledges full integration of road, rail and bus transport with a distinct shift from private to public provision. And it says that it will be "vital to ensure that adequate resources are provided to make the transport system work".

However, the document gives no figures for future injections of state cash or the levels of the new taxes. One estimate is around 20p on a gallon of petrol and an additional tax bill of several hundred pounds for those using company cars.

The document says the new tax on petrol, which will eliminate road tax evasion, will ensure that the burden falls most heavily on those who use the roads most, or whose cars consume the most petrol.

A key part of the document says: "Labour's policies on public transport and freight integration will have a major impact in reducing the pressure on our roads — by giving people an alternative to travelling by car and by helping to diversify freight transport."

"We shall also ensure that where company cars are provided as a perk, they are fairly taxed, so removing a distortion which unfairly encourages the use of the car rather than public transport."

Petrol companies are warned that Labour will investigate their pricing policies to give particular help to people in rural areas.

But British Airways investors may be allowed to keep their shares.

Mr Hughes said that taking a controlling stake in the company was not a "top priority".

However, he did underline his party's overall policy of not allowing investors any "speculative gain" in any future re-acquisitions.

Some of the biggest changes are planned for British Rail, which will get higher state subsidies.

It would be able to go into the market place and raise funds for new investment in commercially viable projects.

Other pledges include:

● **Rail:** Accelerated main line electrification and replacement of outdated rolling stock;

More platform staff, pegging fares at levels "people can afford", and facelifts for stations.

● **Building:** "Trans-shipment centres" outside cities to speed-up freight transfer and higher grants to pay for more railway sidings at factories.

● **Lorries:** Banning heavy vehicles from using minor roads as through-routes and restricting night movements;

A much bigger policing role for local authorities with proper penalties for haulage companies that break regulations;

● **Roads:** Local authorities to assume responsibility for repair and maintenance as part of their road traffic plan;

Provision of by-passes to reduce congestion.

● **Department of Transport:** A major shake-up to change the ethos of a department "geared towards road policy" and to ensure it promotes a "balanced transport policy".

● **Buses:** To be brought back under local authority control at fares "people can afford" and with concessionary schemes for pensioners and the disabled.

● **Shipping:** Tax incentives and grants to rescue the British merchant navy from "collapse".

● **Ports:** An end to the "free for all" in port investment with the return of statutory controls.

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Palestinian protest in Beirut

Palestinian women marched through the streets of Beirut, vowing to cross the frontline to take food to the besieged refugee camps of Bourj al-Barajneh and Chatila, after the Shia Amal militia refused to allow UN and Red Cross relief teams into the beleaguered settlements **Page 9**

Inquiry call

Mrs Thatcher was urged last night to set up an inquiry into the building site tax frauds which have netted Ulster terrorists millions of pounds of public money **Page 3**

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Mr Kenneth Adelman, head of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency has pledged close consultation with America'a allies in a statement "clarifying" earlier remarks that they had no businesss telling Washington now to interpret the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty

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The flying duchess: Clad in sheepskin flying jacket, the Duchess of York enters a Piper Warrior aircraft she had landed at Kidlington airfield, Oxford, yesterday. She was earlier presented with her private pilot's licence (Photograph: Graham Wood). Report, page 3.

Lawson to opt for smaller tax cut

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

After a Cabinet discussion yesterday of the economic strategy behind the Budget, due to be presented on March 17, senior ministers were convinced that Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer will be going for a judicious mix of tax-cutting and reduced borrowing.

No dramatic reforms are expected, nor will the Chancellor use every penny available towards cutting income tax rates in the run-up to the general election.

Meanwhile in the Commons, Mrs Margaret Thatcher dismissed reports that the Government was planning steep increases in value-added tax to pay for a gradual scrapping of tax on lower earners.

The Prime Minister confirmed speculation that she may choose to serve throughout the next Parliament rather than stepping down in midterm.

The latest unemployment figures, published yesterday, showed a slight increase. Unemployment is thought to be falling at an underlying rate of about 17,000 a month rather than 20,000 as previously estimated. But the Government believes that the underlying trend is still downwards.

The political mood of yesterday's Cabinet meeting was that the Government was more likely to get credit for continuing established economic policies rather than a sharp acceleration of pace or dramatic innovation.

Experimental reforms are therefore out and the Chancellor, who is estimated to have about £3 billion-£4 billion available for his "fiscal adjustment", is expected to move only part of the way towards his target of reducing the standard rate of income tax to 25p in the pound.

The Chancellor is expected to demonstrate a responsibility which will please the City by using part of his room for manoeuvre to reduce the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement, thus encouraging a fall in interest and mortgage rates.

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Alliance anger at new peers

By Sheila Gunn

A row broke out last night when it was confirmed the Alliance will get no new peers in the latest list of 11 announced by the Prime Minister.

The Alliance leaders promptly condemned the absence of any new peers on their benches as mean-spirited and petty.

The list of new Tory peers is headed by Sir Henry Plumb, president of the European Parliament and former president of the National Farmers' Union, and Mr David Stevens, chairman of United Newspapers. The other four Conservatives to receive peerages are Sir Joseph Trafford, the consultant who helped treat the victims of the Grand Hotel bomb blast; Mrs Emily Blatch, Conservative leader on Cambridgeshire County Council; Sir James Goold, chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party; and Sir Charles Johnston, joint honorary treasurer of the Conservative Party.

The elderly Labour benches will gain Mr David Basnett, former general secretary of the General and Municipal Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union; Mr Alexander Irvine QC; Dr Tessa Blackstone, Master-elect of Birkbeck College; Mr Denis Carter, a farmer; and Dr Harry Peston, professor of economics at Queen Mary College, London University.

Police test use of armoured carriers

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard has been given by the Ministry of Defence a dozen military armoured personnel carriers, known as "Pigs", for use on the streets of London in severe riots.

The one-ton Humber carriers, a familiar sight on the streets of Ulster for many years, were loaned to the police last July by the Army for evaluation and as a stopgap for use in extreme situations until the Yard acquires a fleet of 24 special armoured Land Rovers in May.

In a statement yesterday Scotland Yard said the vehicles were an interim measure. The statement denied the vehicles would be retained, and said they would be returned to the Army. Evaluations had taken place and changes would be made to the Land Rovers as a result.

During an exercise this week for the new territorial support groups, recently formed for riot situations in London, one of the APCs was put through its paces at the Yard's riot training ground in Hounslow, west London.

The dark blue APC, codenamed "Trojan" by police, carried a group of police marksmen from the Yard's D11 firearms unit into a mock street scene where a gunman had opened fire during a demonstration outside an "embassy".

In a real riot the APCs or the new armoured Land Rovers could also deliver police teams with CS gas or plastic bullets.

The need for armoured vehicles was heavily underlined in a Yard report last year on riot policing after the Brixton and Tottenham riots in 1985.

The report recommended "ballistically protected vehicles . . . to ensure police operations are not compromised in areas of high rise buildings or where the intensity of the rioting is such as to prevent police making progress on foot".

The Home Office agreed to the use of the APCs and the purchase of the Land Rovers. In the Commons last July Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, announced the loan of "armoured protected vehicles".

Some of the vehicles brought to London are being garaged or stored under wraps at the training centre. They have all been painted blue, carrying the crested badge of the Metropolitan Police and white police signs on the front doors and rear.

If police feel they were likely to be used they could be moved into the centre of London to a major police support headquarters south of the Thames or to the area headquarters of the tactical support groups. They could be moved through London on a low-loader trailer under wraps.

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Huge tax fraud uncovered at Getty museum

By Geraldine Norman and Thomas Hoving

In the biggest financial scandal in museum history, a former curator of the Getty Museum in California built up its spectacular collection of antiquities through a giant fraud on the American tax system, an investigation by *The Times* has disclosed.

The collection was amassed by Jiri Frel, aged 65, a Czech who defected to the West in 1971 and two years later became curator of antiquities at the Getty, the world's richest museum.

To achieve his ambition of building a spectacular collection quickly, he exploited a United States law allowing taxpayers to deduct the full value of charitable donations from taxable income.

One donor told *The Times* that Mr Frel was prepared to provide appraisals four-and-a-half times higher than the purchase price. At that level, a donor in the 60 per cent tax bracket makes a clear profit on the deal equivalent to slightly more than he paid for the object in the first place.

In fact, the value of some items was even more gravely distorted. One sculpture, a Roman bust, was sold at Christie's, London, in 1978 for £440, then given anonymously to the Getty a year later with a valuation by Mr Frel of $45,000 (£30,000).

Mr Frel is said to have had crates of archaeological material shipped from Switzerland to Beverly Hills, where they were made available to donors — although some of the donors may never even have seen the vases, statues and bronzes that they donated.

Between arriving at the museum in 1973 and his enforced departure in May 1984, more than 100 donors contributed items valued, according to the museum tax return, at $14,441,228 (about £9.6m). In contrast, from 1967 to 1977 the Metropolitan Museum, New York, was given objects worth just under $6 million.

The big donors included Gordon McClendon, a Texan media entrepreneur, who gave works valued at more than $2 million; Seymour Weintraub, a Californian film and TV producer (almost $1 million); and Vasek Polak, a Californian car dealer (almost $750,000).

It was not until 1983 that staff at the Getty noticed the irregularities in Mr Frel's activities. The museum did not take action for another six months, though it claims to have undertaken extensive enquiries.

Their findings were not made public and Mr Frel was not dismissed. Over the following year, the museum described him as "on sabbatical". In fact, he left for Paris in April 1984 and the museum discontinued the acceptance of donated antiquities. On July 1, 1985 he was appointed "research curator" and remained on the museum payroll until he resigned last December.

The museum admitted on Wednesday that it had been aware of wrongdoing, accepting that there were "serious violations of the museum's policies and rules". But the man who instituted the system was merely "relieved of all curatorial duties". "There was no evidence of personal financial gain on his part," they say.

The museum's view, that it has acted within the law, is likely to be challenged. The Internal Revenue Service, the US tax authority, confirms that it was not informed of Mr Frel's activities.

Mr Frel was not to be found in his Paris apartment last week.

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Telecom engineers in hours row walk-out

By Tim Jones

Thousands of telephone engineers walked out yesterday in a dispute over working hours, claiming local managements were ignoring the terms of the 12.66 pay settlement accepted by a majority of two to one on Wednesday.

Engineering staff in Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Darlington, Nottingham, London, Brighton and Scotland refused to return to work, claiming they had been asked by local management to work a five-day week instead of their nine-day fortnight.

BT maintained last night the 1978 agreement which introduced the nine-day fortnight gave local managers the option of reverting to a five-day week if local circumstances required it to maintain service to customers.

Mr John Forest, BT's district manager, said he was proposing a five-day week only to settle the backlog of work caused by the strike. The union says that could take months.

At one stage the union had a barrister standing by to take the company to the High Court for alleged breach of agreement. Talks will continue today to try to settle the dispute.

Three top Wall Street securities men arrested

New York (Reuter) — Three leading figures in Wall Street securities have been arrested and charged as a result of an investigation into insider trading.

The US Attorney's office said the head of risk arbitrage at Goldman Sachs and Co., one of America's most prestigious investment banking concerns, and two people with "significant roles" at the General Electric subsidiary, Kidder Peabody and Co., were arrested.

The Goldman Sachs employee was named as Mr Robert Freeman, while the two from Kidder Peabody are Mr Richard Wigdon and Mr Timothy Tabor.

The Attorney's office said the three appeared before a judge in New York yesterday. Details of the charges were not given.

The arrests were the first since the arbitrager Ivan Boesky paid $100 million to settle insider trading charges against him in November.

Second blow to Soviet image

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Kremlin's efforts to improve its human rights image suffered another setback yesterday when, for the second time in 24 hours, Western journalists covering a peaceful demonstration by Soviet Jews were roughed up. One West German correspondent was arrested.

At least 12 of the demonstrators were also detained as they attempted to hold a protest for the fourth consecutive day in support of Mr Iosif Begun, a prominent Jewish refusenik recently denied a pardon because he would not sign a undertaking not to take part in "anti-state" activities.

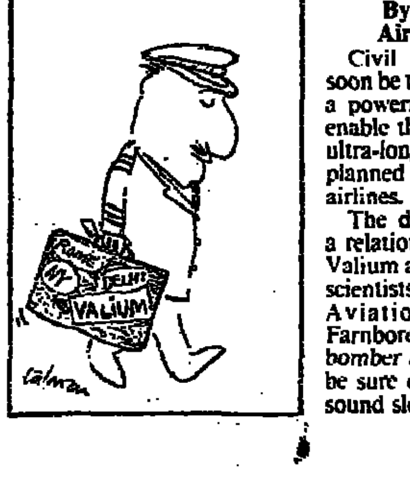
The attacks on the journalists later prompted angry questions at the bi-weekly briefing held by Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman.

He strove to limit the damage, at the very moment when hundreds of delegates from 80 countries are converging on Moscow to attend a peace forum.

Mr Gerasimov claimed that the attacks on the journalists had been carried out by "vigilantes".

He was then confronted by Mr Hartwig Nathe, of the main West German press agency, DPA, who was held in a militia station and questioned for nearly an hour after his film had been destroyed.

Mr Gerasimov asked whether the men who had destroyed the film had been in uniform. "Yes, for sure," replied Herr Nathe.



Hypnotic drug may help airline pilots

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Civil airline pilots could soon be taking regular doses of a powerful hypnotic drug to enable them to cope with the ultra-long range flights being planned by the world's airlines.

The drug — Normison — is a relation of the tranquillizer Valium and was developed by scientists at the Institute of Aviation Medicine at Farnborough to enable Vulcan bomber and Harrier pilots to be sure of at least five hours sound sleep during long tours of duty in the Falklands war.

Now the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) is considering allowing the same drug to be used by airline pilots who may be asked to fly for up to 16 hours in the new generation of long range jets such as the Boeing 747-400 due to be delivered to British Airways in 1989.

Normison has been shown to be non-addictive and to have few of the problems of drowsiness usually associated with sleeping pills.

At the moment international regulations specify that the maximum time that a pilot can be on duty — calculated from the time he reports for duty and not the time he takes off — is 14 hours. But the new long range jets will make the pilot's tour of duty far longer than that allowed by the rules.

Airlines, including British Airways, trying to cope with the problem and have so far suggested a wide range of options such as installing bunk beds in a "dormitory" in the space above the cabin ceiling. This would be used by crew members who were not actually flying the aircraft.

But the CAA is trying to work out a completely new "watch" similar to that used in ships which will ensure that one person is always technically in command.

The CAA realizes that the plan involving Normison may run into problems because of potential public disquiet at having "drugged" pilots at the controls. But it believes that if the watch keeping system can be accepted first it will eventually be possible to use the drugs to ensure that it works.

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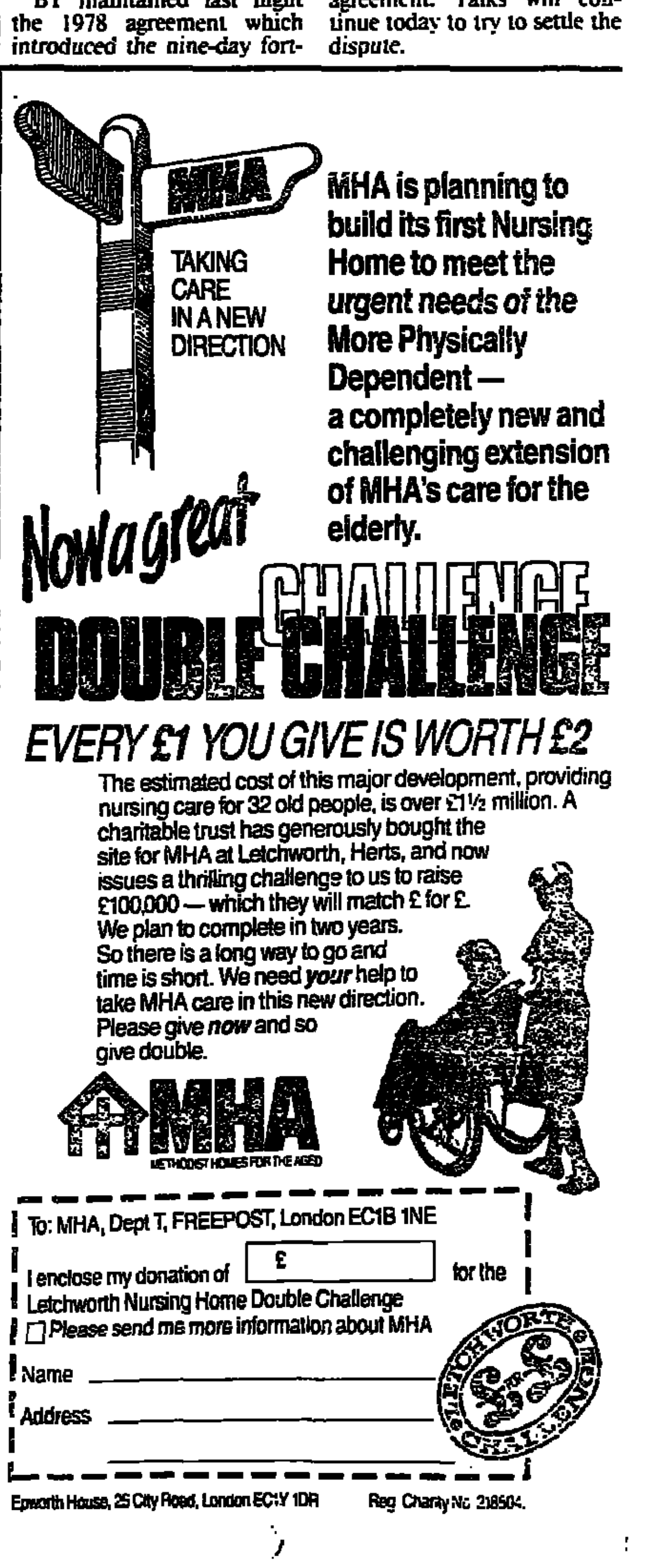

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NEWS SUMMARY

House questions new guidlines

Select committee chairmen yesterday rejected the Government's latest proposals over the questioning of Civil Servants.

Last week the Government unveiled new guidelines to be sent to Civil Servants telling them they should not answer questions from MPs which dealt with their possible misconduct. Such questions should be referred to their minister, and it was for him to take any disciplinary action, and report back to the committee.

However, the chairmen agreed that those guidelines contravened the unqualified rights of select committees.

Aids global phone-in

The BBC World Service is planning a global phone-in programme on Aids on March 1 after a 30-minute documentary. Questions are to be taken by Dr Tony Pinching of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, one of Britain's top Aids experts.

Listeners are to be invited to send their questions and telephone number to the Aids Phone-in, Bush House, London WC2 4PH. Some will be telephoned during the programme so they may speak with Dr Pinching directly. Listeners may call 01-580-4411 while the programme is on the air, from 3.45 to 4.45pm.

The programme can be heard in Western Europe and south-east England on 648 kHz medium wave.

Miners in talks bid

The National Union of Mineworkers yesterday put off calls for industrial action in favour of further talks to settle a pay claim.

Mr Arthur Scargill, the union's president, said many miners felt resentful and angry at the lack of progress in the talks.

Mr Scargill said: "There were calls for industrial action but it was felt we should have more meetings with the coal board. We are asking them to agree to negotiations."

'Protest' at Palace

Bela Stifter, who tried to break into Kensington Palace, wanted to protest to the Prince and the Princess of Wales about long-term unemployment, Horseferry Road magistrates in London were told yesterday.

Mr Stifter, aged 27, of Montgomery Drive, Spencer's Wood, Reading, meant no harm to the royal couple or their children.

Mr C Davison, the magistrate, agreed Mr Stifter should be kept in custody until his next court appearance on February 25.

Heart campaign

A campaign to cut the death toll from heart disease will be launched in April, Mrs Edwina Currie, junior health minister (right), announced yesterday. *Look After Your Heart* will be targeted at semi-skilled and manual workers.

Mrs Currie told the Mersey Regional Health Authority in Runcorn that smoking, drinking, obesity, high blood pressure and lack of exercise contributed to the "horrendous" toll.

Second body in bog

Archaeologists have identified another human body in Lindow Moss, the peat bog near Wilmslow in Cheshire which yielded the Lindow Man, currently on exhibition at the British Museum as "The Body in the Bog".

It was found by workers preparing to mill a stack of dried peat last Friday. Radio carbon dating suggests the body is about 2,000 years old.

Review urged prostitution case repeal

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs
Correspondent

The prosecution of Mrs Cynthia Payne which ended with nine verdicts of not guilty after a 13-day trial costing about £100,000 would have been unlikely if reforms urged by a group of judges and lawyers in 1985 had been implemented.

Mrs Payne was prosecuted under the Sexual Offences Act 1956 which was considered as part of a full review of sexual offences by the Criminal Law Revision Committee under Lord Justice (as he then was) Lawton.

But the 17-strong committee concluded that while the law should not encourage prostitution, it should not drive prostitutes on to the streets.

It should also be used to stop any nuisance caused by prostitution, it said in *Prostitution: Off-Street Activities*.

The committee also gave a warning that the more "repressive" the law becomes against escort agencies, bogus clubs and massage parlours, the more "the rogues are likely to charge for their services and the more organized the exploitation of prostitution might become".

Mrs Payne was charged under section 31 under which it is "an offence for a woman for purposes of gain to exercise control, direction or influence over a prostitute's movements in a way which shows she is aiding, abetting or compelling her prostitution".

But the offence was intended, according to the committee who urged its repeal, to "cover the case of the ponce who controls or directs the activities of a single prostitute, for example, by sending her out on to the streets to earn money".

The committee recommended that instead of sections 30 (man living on earnings of prostitution) and 31 of the act, there should be three new offences more directed "against the mischief with which the criminal law ought to be involved", namely the organization of prostitution.

A minority of the committee said there should not be an offence in place of section 31.

The Home Office said yesterday that there were no plans to implement the reforms outlined by the Criminal Law Revision Committee.

Industry and unions set to collide on pay bargains

By Tim Jones

The Confederation of British Industry is set on a collision course with the TUC, when the National Economic Development Committee meets next month, over the question of annual pay increases and national bargaining.

The CBI is about to throw its weight behind Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Employment, who this week questioned the need for the ingrained annual rituals.

Mr Clarke has argued that growing concern over the North-South divide can be eased if companies in the North are able to offer lower rates than in London and the South-east.

According to the economic committee of the TUC, national pay-bargaining has allowed significant flexibility in earning and and is regarded by both employers and unions as a factor in stabilizing industrial relations.

In fact, with some notable exceptions, the whole concept of national bargaining is becoming increasingly less important in formulating pay norms for similar work in comparable industies.

This is demonstrated in the latest pay award of 4.9 per cent negotiated between the unions and the Engineering Employers Federation, which raised pay levels nationally to £106 for a skilled worker and to £76 for an unskilled man for a basic 39-hour week without overtime or premimum payments.

In practice, virtually no company pays these rates and because of in-plant bargaining, which is an increasingly important factor, the average for the industry is £155 for a skilled man and £112 for an unskilled worker.

Some big companies do negotiate rates of pay which are absolute. Under a two-year, 18.5 per cent deal for its on-line workers, which runs out next October, grade three Ford motor company employees earn the same at Halewood on Merseyside as at Dagenham in Greater London.

Ford maintains it is satisfied with its national pay bargaining policy. Other companies, such as Marks & Spencer, do not negotiate with unions but recognize regional cost-of-living differences so that a shop assistant, aged 18, in Swansea will get £98 a week, against £125 for her counterpart in Oxford Street.

The whole concept of national pay bargaining is inextricably linked with government pay policies and attempts to curb inflation. The post-war pattern has been one of governments of every shade attempting to regulate wage increases against the pressure of trade unions out to gain as much as possible for members.

Most attempts to impose statutory wage ceilings or to negotiate them on a self-regulatory basis have failed, in particular the attempt by Mr James Callaghan's government to introduce a 5 per cent guideline on wages.

The unions resisted and the winter of discontent which followed led to Mrs Thatcher becoming Prime Minister.

Since then, because of unemployment, falling inflation and the introduction of such meaures as post-strike ballots, the pattern of wage-negotiations has become less confrontational.

The Rev Ian Paisley (left) delivering a petition against the Anglo-Irish agreement, signed by 400,000 people in Ulster demanding a referendum, to the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday, accompanied by Mr James Molyneaux (Photograph: James Gray).

Farmers protest over school video

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The National Farmers' Union, in combative mood after passing a vote of no confidence in the Government on Tuesday, yesterday turned its guns on the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

In a letter to chief education officers, Mr Simon Gourlay, the NFU president, describes a video sent by the RSPCA to education authorities as an exceptionally emotive piece of propaganda.

The video, entitled *Food for Protest*, is an attack on certain forms of intensive farming. It contains what the NFU describes as "highly disturbing" clips from news films unconnected with farming, including shots of war victims, bombing sequences, concentration camp scenes and the napalming of children in Vietnam.

Mr Gourlay says *Food for Protest* should be shown only with balancing material.

He writes: "We are disturbed that there is growing evidence of children being recruited as junior members of the Animal Liberation Front, which believes in illegal actions to achieve its goals.

The RSPCA said last night that "a few seconds" of archive footage had been included, beginning with the Suffragettes and the Jarrow marches and going on to the ultimate form of protest, war. The purpose was to illustrate how people had protested against injustice in the past but the message was that such extreme methods should not be necessary.

'Loyalists' petition to the Queen

Ulster Unionist leaders James Molyneaux and the Rev Ian Paisley, delivered a petition, signed by 400,000 people, opposing the Anglo Irish agreement to the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

The petition calls for a referendum and alleges people in Ulster are being treated differently from subjects in the rest of the UK because of Dublin's involvement in their affairs.

Mr Paisley and Mr Molyneaux are hoping that by taking their campaign to the Queen, they can draw attention to their demands for a vote on the issue. The Government has shown no inclination to call a referendum, or to scrap the agreement and it is not thought the petition will alter its stance.

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Bishop's supporters in mood of caution

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs
Correspondent

There were obvious hesitations among Anglican supporters of the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, yesterday in response to his warning that he might start talks with the Roman Catholic or Orthodox churches if the Church of England was determined to ordain women as priests. The Roman Catholic Church was no less cautious.

The main Anglo-Catholic organization in the Church of England, the Church Union, is expected to make a public statement next Monday urging its members not to take premature action.

One senior churchmen known to share Dr Leonard's objections to women priests remarked: "If we start talking in a rather wild way people will write us off. We have got to keep our nerve."

But it was suggested that Dr Leonard's latest move in the war of nerves over women priests will draw scorn from supporters of the Movement for the Ordination of Women as just an attempt to frighten the General Synod.

An official Roman Catholic spokesman said Dr Leonard's remarks in his interview with *The Times* were "an internal affair of the Church of England", and a spokesman for the Archbishop of Canterbury said that "the archbishop never comments on newspaper interviews".

Dr Leonard said in the interview that if the General Synod decided to proceed by a significant majority towards ordaining women at its meeting in two weeks, he expected to lead a group of Anglicans in discussions with other episcopal churches, with a view to entering full communion with them in due course.

Asked what action he might contemplate, he replied: "It might involve, for example, talking about the possibility of some relationship between us and another church".

Dr Leonard went on: "Obviously one does not do that until one is forced to". He recalled Cardinal Newman's *An Essay On The Development Of Christian Doctrine* which expressed the view that "when the truth is at stake, it may not be schism, it may be division which is right and necessary".

Dr Leonard envisaged, in the light of the synod's decision in a fortnight, a group of Anglicans meeting to discuss approaching the Roman Catholic and Orthodox authorities, and suggested a relationship, perhaps on the model of the Roman Catholic Church's "uniate" arrangement (such as exists with the Ukrainian Catholic Church).

He said it could, on the completion of such an arrangement, entail his resignation as Bishop of London, as he was not contemplating transferring London, as an ecclesiastical see intact, into communion with another church.

But he added: "I don't think anything of this kind could be done by individuals on their own initiative. I would not expect Roman Catholics or the Orthodox to take notice if it actually encouraged people going out.

"If on the other hand people are told to go, and encouraged to explore other ways, which we have been, then we are now free to look around."

Board draws up shortlist for BBC post

The governors of the BBC yesterday began to create a shortlist of candidates seeking the job of director-general.

The process had not been completed when governors left Broadcasting House after their regular fortnightly meeting.

The governors hope to announce the new director-general after their next regular meeting on February 26.

About half a dozen candidates are expected to be interviewed next week.

Irish election

Haughey lures Euro financiers

By Richard Ford

Plans to turn the Irish Republic into a European financial services centre will be proposed by Mr Charles Haughey today as part of his strategy of appealing to the voters as a man of vision.

The Fianna Fail leader will propose a number of measures which he believes will attract international banking houses, insurance institutions and bond dealers to choose the republic as a base for their European headquarters.

His main target is Japanese and US financial corporations which he hopes to attract with financial inducements and guarantees of security from state interference.

The plan being unveiled just four days before polling day is designed to emphasize Mr Haughey and his party's hope and vision for the future when contrasted with the more gloomy message of his opponent, Dr Garret FitzGerald.

Mr Haughey's buoyancy on the campaign trail is in stark contrast to Dr FitzGerald, whose campaign has lacked the sharpness of four years ago when its professionalism surpassed the renowned Fianna Fail machine.

Fine Gael strategists have recognized the harm being done by their subdued campaign. Over the past few days they have attempted to be more upbeat in their message

Much of the dramatic improvement in Fine Gael electioneering was credited four years ago to close aides of Dr FitzGerald, who during his term in office became known as "the national handlers".

It was a term used derogatorily to depict advisers who opponents believed lurked in the shadows manipulating the Prime Minister and more or less running the country.

Church House

The Corporation of the Church House, not the General Synod, owns Church House, Westminster (report, February 6). The corporation will ultimately decide its future, including the possibility of disposing of it, if the Synod decides to transfer its operations.

Safety claim for disposal method

A Lincoln-based company claims to have developed a way of dealing with nuclear waste that overcomes the safety and economic problems facing rival techniques.

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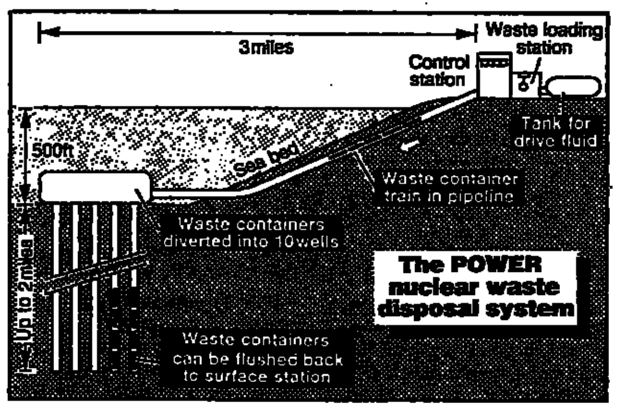
Unlike other techniques, low, intermediate and high-level waste can all be handled by Power, and would cost considerably less per canister processed, according to its inventor, Dr Kenneth Wheeler. A disposal plant would cost about £45 million to build, and about £2.5 million a year to run.

"We believe that the Power system provides a complete answer to the problems and public fears about the safety of sea dumping and land burial," he said.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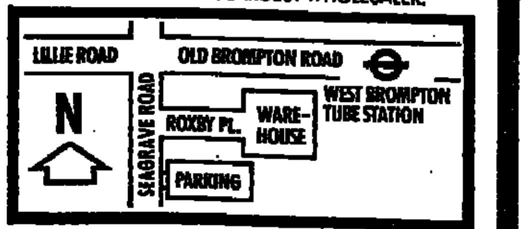

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Teachers to ballot on strike action over Baker powers

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Leaders of the two biggest teaching unions in England and Wales yesterday called on their members to vote for a rolling series of half-day strikes and mass rallies throughout the two weeks beginning on March 9.

Members of the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers are also being asked to support an indefinite campaign of "non-cooperation".

The 300.000 members of the two unions, who constitute three-quarters of all classroom teachers, will be asked to vote for the plan in a simultaneous ballot during the next three weeks.

It is the first time in the history of the two unions that such co-ordinated action has been proposed. It will be designed to cause the greatest possible disruption to schools and, if supported, will lead to millions of pupils repeatedly missing lessons.

The campaign is to protest against the Government's plan to impose its own settlement to the teachers' long-running pay dispute.

The ballot form effectively asks teachers to give their leaders a free hand. It says: "There is a need to protest against the removal of negotiating rights, the imposition of pay levels and structure and the imposition of a new contract. For these reasons are you prepared to strike and take action short of a strike? Yes/No."

Accompanying each form will be a letter signed by the general secretaries of the two unions, Mr Fred Jarvis and Mr Fred Smithies. It says the proposed action will be "a clear demonstration to the Government, parents, public and politicians that the powers taken by the Secretary of State have outraged teachers and will not bring peace to our schools".

It calls for a "massive" response so that the campaign will have "maximum impact".

The plan was condemned last night by the National Confederation of Parent-Teacher Associations, which claims to speak for up to four million parents. Mr Jack Jones, the general secretary, said: "This is guerrilla war and we are totally against it. Parents will not accept any more action that disrupts their children's education."

● More than a third of members of the National Union of Teachers have voted to debate a motion which declares that teachers should no longer be required to take classes for absent colleagues.

The motion, which conflicts with the contract the Government is about to impose on the profession, will be given top priority at the union's Easter conference.

At present, an agreement with the local education authority employers requires teachers to cover until such time as the authorities, "using their best endeavours", can find an appropriately qualified supply teacher to take over.

The agreement is being flouted in many areas and thousands of children are missing lessons.

Preacher guilty of drugging and rapes

Cecil Gilbert, a self-styled Bible puncher who laced the chocolate drinks of virgins and raped them as they lay in a stupor, was found guilty at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of drugging and rape. He will be sentenced today.

The drugs, prescribed for his heart, were so powerful a virgin could be "raped without recall," Mr Hubert Dunn, QC, for the prosecution, said.

One girl said she had "experienced God," not the hands of the preacher.

The court had been told that Gilbert, aged 57, preyed on the devout, attracting large congregations through his oratory in the style of the old-fashioned fire-and-brimstone preachers.

Gilbert was found guilty of raping and drugging a Hindu, aged 19, twice drugging a nurse aged 27 and raping her friend.

At a temple in Leicester in 1980, he won the trust of a Hindu family worried about the education of their daughter who was trying to become a doctor but had failed her examinations.

Gilbert pretended to know the leader of their sect in India and claimed he had sent a message through him. He told the virgin the message was: "You are a genius, but someone has put a jinx on you".

To exorcise that evil spirit, Gilbert invited the girl to a house in Nuffield Road, Coventry, near where he lived in Blackwall Road.

There she was given a bitter "medicine" and while she lay unconscious she was raped, Mr Dunn told the court.

Gilbert smiled as he was cleared of rape offences against an Australian schoolgirl aged 14 but was convicted of indecently assaulting her.

Miss Marie Brown, a born-again Christian flown from Queensland, Australia, described collapsing at the feet of the preacher after drinking coffee. "I just thought I was being slain of the spirit, touched by the Lord."

"I do not recall him actually having intercourse with me, but I know he touched me practically everywhere."

Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, for Gilbert, said of the victims: "Women are capable of fanciful sexual imaginings. Reality is lost and a dreamlike imagination takes over." Gilbert had "been led like a lamb to the slaughter".

Sheila Gish and Simon Ward, who are in *Two Acts of Love with a 15 minute Interval*, an evening of songs and sketches at the Prince of Wales Theatre, central London, on Sunday, in aid of the Ford Martin Fund for children with leukaemia (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

Portfolio —Gold—

Win may fuel flight of fancy

A professional photographer and a student of Jacobean literature shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Paul Salmon, of Old Street in the City of London, said he would either invest in some new equipment for his business, taking photographs of pop artists, or realize a long-held ambition to indulge in a flight of fancy.

He said: "Perhaps I'll take the Orient Express and stay in Venice for a while.

"Or maybe fly Concorde to New York for a cup of coffee before whizzing down to Rio to catch up on my suntan."

Mr Salmon, aged 21, added that he buys *The Times* because of the consistently high standard of our photographic coverage.

Yesterday's other winner to share the daily dividend of £4,000 will celebrate her twenty-eighth birthday on Sunday. Mrs Laurie Maguire, of Cleveland Street, Bayswater, west London, studies Renaissance and Jacobean literature.

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Degree freedom for polytechnics

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Polytechnics and other large colleges in England and Wales are to be free to set their own standards and award their own degrees, it was announced yesterday by the Council for National Academic Awards.

The council is responsible for monitoring the degree courses taken by more than 200,000 students in public sector higher education, but now 130 institutions will be allowed to decide whether they want the responsibility themselves. The council will retain the right to intervene if standards are thought to be at risk.

Dr Malcolm Frazer, chief officer of the council, said: "The new arrangements will encourage the development of institutions as strong, cohesive and self-critical academic communities".

● Five universities and two business schools were told yesterday to expect a smaller government grant in three years than they are receiving now.

The grant allocations for the next three years to 52 institutions were announced by the University Grants Committee, the body that acts as an administrative buffer between the Government and the universities. Allocations are based on student numbers and the quality of research.

East Anglia, Keele, Bangor, Aberdeen and Dundee are the universities that will either have to tighten their belts or raise more money privately. The two business schools, London and Manchester, both issued angry protests. They already find 70 per cent of their income from private sources.

Freedom guarantee by Ruskin

Ruskin College, Oxford, has issued a statement saying academic freedom for its lecturers is guaranteed in their contracts of employment, in response to a government request for assurance on the point.

The request was made in the light of the case of Mr David Selbourne, a former tutor censured for writing an article for *The Times*, whose lectures were boycotted by students. He is now suing the college for constructive dismissal in an affair which has become something of a *cause celebre*.

● Students of journalism at City University, London, have signed a petition condemning Professor Hugh Stephenson, the former editor of the *New Statesman*, for submitting material for publication to *The Times* against an instruction from the National Union of Journalists.

Judge with two tunes on his mind

Mr Justice Whitford, who is to decide whether the Greek composer, Vangelis, copied the work of another musician for his theme tune of *Chariots of Fire*, yesterday joked that he would remember the two pieces on his deathbed.

The judge was commenting on Stavros Logarides's evidence in the High Court that one of the reasons he did not immediately realize that the two tunes were the same was that he could not remember his own composition, "The City of Violets", very well.

The judge said he could not imagine how, if Mr Logarides could not remember his tune he thought Vangelis could have remembered it to copy it.

The court is expected to reserve judgement after hearing final submissions on behalf of Mr Logarides today.

Easy money tempted gang in coal fraud

By Craig Seton

Four businessmen and four senior British Coal inspectors involved in a £4 million pound corruption racket were jailed or fined at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday.

The eight men, who had admitted a number of charges of corruption and deception involving British Coal contracts and payments worth more than £4 million, were told by Judge Hopkin: "The spectre of easy money beckoned you all".

The court was told that the four British Coal inspectors had received bribes totalling £74,000 to give preferential treatment to building contractors.

Ronald Davenport, aged 54, of Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, was jailed for four years and ordered to repay more than £28,000 to British Coal and £5,000 prosecution costs.

Of the other inspectors, David Owen, aged 38, of Ravenshead, Nottinghamshire, was jailed for three years. Alan Parker, aged 30, of Norwell, Nottinghamshire, was jailed for two years and ordered to pay £9,000 and John Harris, aged 37, from Inkersall, Derbyshire, was jailed for six months.

Timothy Fretwell, aged 34, of Mansfield, was jailed for 18 months. Gerald Hirst, aged 47, of Rufford, Nottinghamshire, was jailed for six months, three months suspended.

Frank Fletcher, aged 65, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, was jailed for two years and fined £2,000. His son, Philip, aged 35, was fined £1,000.

Mob killing 'caused boy nightmares'

A teenage boy accused of murdering PC Keith Blakelock during the Tottenham disturbances in October 1985 later suffered nightmares over the mob killing of the officer, a community worker told the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mrs Hyacinth Moody, chairman of Haringey police liaison committee, said the youth, now aged 15, but 13 at the time, told her that every time he closed his eyes he saw PC Blakelock "being chopped up".

The youth is one of six people accused of murdering PC Blakelock.

The case continues.

Terrorists tap public purse

£40m tax swindle by paramilitaries

By Richard Ford

Terrorist organizations are estimated to have pocketed £40 million of taxpayers' money from fraud and intimidation within the building industry in Northern Ireland in the past 10 years.

Poor housing and the devastation of large areas by terrorist activity have resulted in a huge, government-funded effort to transform Belfast. Billions have been spent to build more than 60,000 new homes and redevelop bombed sites.

The sheer scale of the building programme, with £2,250 million allocated to the housing budget between 1980-1984, and the concentration of RUC resources on combating violence, gave the paramilitaries their opportunity to extort large sums from contractors and individual employees.

Yesterday as politicians demanded action from the Government, Mr Norman Ferguson, chairman of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, defended the organization from allegations that it had "turned a blind eye" to the fiddles on building sites.

He said much of the fraud involving tax exemption certificates had been detected and people were being brought to court. The executive had tightened its rules to reduce the risk of contractual fraud and had set up a register of security firms to try to prevent companies run by paramilitaries becoming involved in providing protection to executive sites.

Mr Ferguson said the executive had carried out an investigation to discover if people tendering for contracts were "padding" in order to provide money for paramilitaries and no pattern had emerged.

However Mr Paddy Devlin, a former member of the executive, said the cost of building houses in ghetto areas was 25 per cent higher than in places where there were no paramilitary organizations operating.

Another swindle was for paramilitaries to set up a building company to obtain a tax exemption certificate but when the inland revenue attempted to trace it at the end of the financial year, the firm no longer existed.

In spite of some success, the paramilitaries have switched tactics and instead of attempting to get large sums in one operation, they are spreading their demands over a wider area making it more difficult to trace.

The moment a tender is awarded contractors are approached for cash involving sums of up to £50,000 as a guarantee that there will be no disturbance on the site. If a contractor refuses, the paramilitaries increase the pressure by perhaps causing damage to machinery on the site or hitting him where he is most vulnerable, either at home or through his wife and children.

Sub-contractors are also forced to hand over cash, paramilitaries often choose who will work on particular sites and will demand cash of up to £50 a week from individual workers for "the cause". The difference is made up by employees "doing the double" – working and drawing the dole.

The "loyalist" paramilitaries have set up bogus security firms to provide protection on sites as well as guaranteeing the safety of Roman Catholic workers operating in staunchly loyalist areas.

Police have some evidence that loyalist and republican paramilitaries set aside their differences to carve up areas of interest and sites so that each can benefit.

The problem for the RUC lies in getting witnesses who are prepared to testify in court to what is common knowledge. Given the small size of the province, its tight-knit communities and the divisions into Protestant and Roman Catholic areas, it is a very brave person indeed who is prepared to go that far.

The Prime Minister was urged last night to set up a commission of inquiry into the building site frauds which have resulted in millions of pounds of public money being used to finance terrorist activities in Northern Ireland (Our Chief Political Correspondent writes).

Conservative MPs were voicing deep concern after it was admitted in the Commons that tax exemption certificates used in the frauds could have been forged in England.

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson, Conservative MP for Newbury, called on Mrs Thatcher last night to establish an inquiry to see how extensive the fraud was and where the funds had gone.

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RAF looks at women as pilots

By Michael Evans
Whitehall Correspondent

The Royal Air Force has carried out a review to see if women should be allowed to become fighter pilots and navigators in Britain's front-line aircraft.

Although the all-male tradition is unlikely to change in the next few years, the Ministry of Defence is satisfied that there are no "physiological reasons" why women should not fly fast jets.

Senior RAF sources confirmed yesterday that the ministry had looked very hard at the advantages and disadvantages of recruiting female air crews, and had examined the experiences of countries such as Israel and The Netherlands, which accept women in air combat roles.

In Britain, under existing government policy, women are banned from any involvement in combat zones. Women in the forces can be armed but only in a defensive role.

The review was ordered when it was realized that with the predicted falling birthrate during the next few years, there could be a serious recruitment problem.

One senior RAF source said: "We looked 10 years ahead and judged that there would be no need for us to recruit females to become pilots because we will have enough men. But the day may come when we're forced to reconsider."

Duchess gets her pilot's certificate

The two great loves in the life of the Duke of York came down to earth yesterday with a small bump when a Piper Warrior aircraft touched down on the runway at Kidlington airport, near Oxford.

The Duchess of York was at the controls, carrying out a promise she had made on the eve of her wedding when she said: "Flying is his life and I want to be part of his life".

The duchess then received her private pilot's licence from the chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, Mr Christopher Tugendhat.

Her father, Major Ronald Ferguson, was there to greet her and the Duke of York was in a passenger seat.

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Call for Ulster frauds action

Government action was demanded by **Mr David Harris** (St Ives, C) to bring to a complete end a swindle on building sites in Northern Ireland which was being used to provide millions of pounds to finance terrorist organizations.

[On Wednesday, Mr Justice Nicholson imposed prison sentences on two Belfast men, and said that "loyalist" and republican gangs had divided up the building sites in Northern Ireland and extensive tax swindles had provided terrorists with their most important source of revenue during the past decade.]

During question time. Mr Harris asked how anyone could have confidence in unemployment figures for Northern Ireland, given the revelations by Mr Justice Nicholson of the massive swindle. The allegations should be followed up and the swindle ended.

Mr Peter Viggers, Under-Secretary of State, Northern Ireland, said that the convictions were the latest in a series involving frauds.

Later, **Mr Stuart Bell**, an Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, asked what kind of Government let millions of pounds of taxpayers' money pass into the pockets of paramilitary organizations through the building of houses in Northern Ireland.

"It is *On the Waterfront* gangsterism on a high scale."

Such racketeering and extortion had nothing to do with a united Ireland. What was the Government going to do?

Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, said that the Opposition's comments were somewhat ironic when the Government was beginning to get convictions and was countering racketeering by tax exemptions or other activities in the building industry, or in terms of drinking clubs or gaming and betting.

The Government was starting to choke off the supply of funds to paramilitary organizations from such sources.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the Department of the Environment deserved credit for what had been achieved.

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C) asked how much public money was involved in the housing racket. Would a commission of inquiry be set up to look into the racket to discover where its roots lay because it seemed they might lie "on this side of the Irish Channel"?

Mr Scott said that rather more than four years ago the RUC established a unit to investigate these matters and it had been persistently continuing with that inquiry in co-operation with authorities in Northern Ireland and on this side of the water.

"There was a cross-channel element in all this, but in addition to yesterday's convictions there are 140 prosecutions pending in this broad area. The RUC have done a first-class job in getting to grips with this racket."

Mr Michael Latham (Rutland and Melton, C) asked Mr Tom King, Secretary of State, to tell the Chief Constable of the RUC that in no circumstances would British taxpayers put up with their money going to fund paramilitary organizations.

Mr King: I entirely accept what he says: the Government takes an extremely serious view of this matter.

Yesterday's convictions were the latest in a series of successful investigations

Petition on Unionists' referendum under fire

N IRELAND

The call for a referendum on the Anglo-Irish Agreement made in a petition which was handed in at Buckingham Palace by the Rev Ian Paisley and Mr John Molyneaux was criticized on all side during Commons questions.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, who told MPs that it would be inappropriate for him to comment on the petition, said that the Government had made clear that it stood by the agreement.

Mr Seamus Mallon (Newry and Armagh, SDLP) said the only real conclusion from the petition was that three-quarters of the population of Northern Ireland did not sign it. When those leaders assumed to speak on behalf of all the public of Northern Ireland, they spoke on behalf of a quarter of the popluation.

Mr King said that if one went for rather greater accuracy, one third of the electorate actually signed it.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C) asked if, when the Taoiseach had said recently that the agreement was making Unionists think in ways they had never thought before, he had in mind such an unprecedented event as the presentation of a huge petition to the Queen.

When that petition was remitted by the Government to her principal Secretary of State, would he give it due consideration and weigh fairly the arguments for a referendum in the province?

Mr King: I understand that the petition has been delivered today at Buckingham Palace. It will be for her Majesty to decide whether, in accordance with normal constitutional practice, it is referred to myself as the minister responsible. In the meantime it will be inappropriate for me to comment.

Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab) said that there had been a suggestion from the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland that a round-table conference of all parties should be pursued just as soon as the present impasse eased. Would he watch for such an opportunity?

Mr King: I believe it is sensible for discussions to take place. There is no point in waiting. I am concious that the organization to which he refers, among others, is trying to address future organization in the province.

Mr Peter Archer, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland: Will the Secretary of State try to persuade the Unionist leaders that a referendum, even if it were held, would at most only tell us what we know already — which side is in the majority?

Democracy is about finding ways in which the majority and the minority can live together, can discuss their differences. If they wanted a better press in England, that would be a better approach.

Mr King: I agree. Democracy is also about the position and proper respect for the interests of the minority.

● Calls for a referendum on the problems in Northern Ireland were resisted later during questions by **Mr Richard Needham**, an Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C) said that Article 4 of the Anglo-Irish Agreement made clear that both governments recognized that, without the co-operation of the representatives of the whole population in Ulster, devolution was a dead letter.

Mr Needham replied that devolution was the preferred option of the Government. That involved all parties.

Miss Clare Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab) said that in a recent *Daily Express* poll, 61 per cent of the British people wished to withdraw troops from Northern Ireland and only 29 per cent wanted Northern Ireland to remain part of the UK.

"When will the British people have some say in how we resolve the Northern Ireland situation?"

Mr Needham said the Government did not deny the difficulties of the Government's preferred route nor the bemused feelings of many British people when they looked at some of the non-constitutional activities of some political parties in Ulster.

Mr Tom King: "The Government stands by the Anglo-Irish Agreement".

Unemployment trend 'the best since 1973'

EMPLOYMENT

For six months the trend in unemployment in this country had been steadily downward, **Mr Kenneth Clarke**, Paymaster General and Minister for Employment, said in opening a debate on employment and training initiatives.

He said that the figures for this month were not as good as for each of the past five months but the fact was that January was always the worst month of the year for unemployment figures.

"It is the worst month of the winter. This is the smallest rise in any January we have seen in eight years. The trend in the last six months has been the best we have seen in this country since 1973."

He was moving a motion commending the Government on the wide range of practical help it provided through its training and employment measures and through the Restart *Programme*.

The motion also welcomed the launch of the new Job Training Scheme and endorsed the promotion of enterprise and small business, more flexible labour markets, training and more help for the long-term unemployed.

The Government had encouraged and welcomed the wide spread of employment in service industries as well as in manufacturing industries. It had encouraged new business start-ups and supported the growth of small and medium-size enterprises.

They were seeing an economy develop, like that of other developed countries, in which a higher proportion of people had part-time work.

The Government was beginning to sort out the system of vocational qualifications so that there was a set pattern of qualifications that pupils could seek to achieve and that employers could make best use of.

Running through the Government's complex package to help employment was modernization, an enterprise economy in which the private sector would produce most of the jobs and in which a more skilled and versatile labour force would come about.

The distinctive feature of Alliance policies in *The Guardian* this morning was that they were the only people still urging a statutory incomes policy as a key part of their measures.

The approach was to be a new payroll tax exacted on those firms that exceeded a pay norm. The Alliance was plainly returning to the policing of individual pay settlements, company by company, across the country. Such policies had failed in the 1970s.

A stark choice faced the country when one considered Labour's proposals. If the Alliance had little new to offer, Labour always seemed to be looking firmly backwards to the economy and Labour governments of former times.

Labour emphasized the need, above all, for more public sector jobs, particularly in local government but sometimes in the nationalized industries as well. Labour wanted state-directed investment and hankered after planning agreements in various forms. It wanted a much more regulated labour market with more legal controls. It wanted to make it easier to strike again without the legal requirement of pre-strike ballots

"They are planning an economy in which the state and big trades unions are dominant again, with growing numbers on the public payroll, supported by the taxes of private citizens and private industries."

Since March 1983 more than one million extra jobs had been created by the British economy, more than those in the rest of the EEC put together. "So the Tory Party has the new ideas on employment. The reason we took that role is because of the new ideas and package of programmes that we have and which are now outrunning any new ideas of any other European country."

Many local education authorities were coming forward seeking to take part in the Job Training Scheme as managing agents. The scheme filled a real need for those under 25, providing free training.

So why was there this automatic opposition from Labour over the Government's package of measures and the results? It was quite obvious that Labour did not want to see unemployment continuing to go down in 1987.

Hamilton of Fife speaks for Devon

A lone, loud cry from a Conservative MP, drawing attention to the fact that Mr William Hamilton is to contest an English seat at the next election, urged him to "speak for Devon" when Mr Hamilton rose during Prime Minister's questions.

Mr Hamilton, who has been MP for part of the old Kingdom of Fife for 36 years, is not standing for his old seat at the next election, having reached the age of 70. Always keen for a fight, the country's best known critic of the Royal Family has decided to take the battle back into his native country — he was born in England — and will fight the relatively safe Conservative seat of South Hams.

The cry came when Mr Hamilton rose to question the Prime Minister. The surprise came when he did just that: "There appears to be no relationship between wages and employment as epitomized in the South-west of England.

"Unemployment in Devon and Cornwall", he shouted, amid Conservative as well as Labour cheers, "is higher than the national average and wages and earnings are far below the national average."

The solution to the problem might lie in the private member's Bill he was proposing tomorrow to establish a south-west development agency, in spite of the opposition to it from Liberals and Social Democrats.

Mrs Thatcher: I thought for one moment he was actually going to represent his constituents, but I was disappointed.

Thatcher surprise at tax report

PRIME MINISTER

Questioned by **Mr Neil Kinnock**, Leader of the Opposition, about press reports of big changes to come in income tax, **Mrs Margaret Thatcher**, said during question time that she had read with surprise the suggestions, of which she had absolutely no knowledge.

Mr Kinnock: Will she take this opportunity of announcing the tax change policies ascribed to her this morning as falsehoods, and would she say that, because such changes would mean at the very least a doubling of value-added tax, which would hit pensioners, families on low incomes and the unemployed, she does not want such changes?

Mrs Thatcher: I read the papers this morning with surprise and absolutely no knowledge at all of anything they put there.

I would point out that this Government in fact brought down income tax from the heights beloved by the Labour Party of 98 per cent on savings and 83 per cent on earnings and at the same time increased the amount spent on the social services.

Mr Kinnock: Will she give an assurance that such changes will not be visited, certainly this side of the general election, because we clearly remember, with the rest of the country, an undertaking not to increase VAT by 100 per cent, which then, six weeks after the election, she did by 80 per cent?

For an alleged tax-cutting Prime Minister she has increased the tax burden

Mrs Thatcher: I can give an assurance this Government will continue into the next Parliament with its prudent, cautious financial policies

Mr Kinnock: The Prime Minister will not be doing any of that, not least because she is High Taxer Thatcher (Opposition cheers).

Mrs Thatcher: That is an absured comment from a party which loved having a tax of 98 per cent, decimated pensions by high inflation, loved a tax on earnings of 83 per cent and had income-tax rates up to 35 pence in the pound.

Since 1979, income tax has been cut by £8,000 million, the equivalent of £7 a week for the average family.

Grants cut protest by Owen

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, protested during Prime Minister's questions, at the cuts in grants to the London and Manchester business schools, but the **Prime Minister** said that grants to universities were being increased.

Dr Owen: As, since 1980, this country has lost 1,000 scientists, engineers and technologists a year on average to the United States, how does she justify the University Grants Committee cutback in universities and the cutbacks for the London Business School and the Manchester Business School?

Mrs Thatcher: In view of the first part of his question, that there have been some losses of scientists, engineers and technologists, surely he would be asking for lower taxes for those on top incomes, but there is something in what he says.

Attack by US official 'fatuous'

The comment by Mr Kenneth Adelman, head of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, that the Western allies had no business telling Washington how to interpret the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty, was raised during Prime Minister's question time.

Would Mrs Thatcher study the "fatuous remarks" made Mr Adelman, asked Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East, C), and then tell the Americans that Europe knew more about disarmament and arms control?

Mrs Thatcher: I am not familiar with the remarks, but I will read them with interest with a view to maintaining the firm alliance between this and the other side of the Atlantic.

Zircon claim made by MP

Part of the public money that had been spent on the Government's secret Zircon spy-satellite project had been attributed to the Trident programme and that was how it was hidden in the public expenditure White Paper. Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said during business questions in the Commons. The Ministry of Defence had deliberately misled the Comptroller and Auditor General, he said.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, said that Mr Campbell-Savours was making a very serious charge.

Kinnock's complaint

The size of profits already arising from the privatization of British Airways was scandalous by anybody's standards, Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said during business questions in the Commons. He pressed Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, to find time for a debate

Warning on Aids danger

The Government was asked during business questions to be alert to potential loopholes in the measures being taken to check the spread of Aids. Mr Richard Holt (Langbaurgh, C) said that legislation was needed immediately to deal with tatooing, electrolysis and ear-piercing to ensure that no other avenue was available by which Aids could be transmitted.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, promised to bring the warning to the attention of Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services.

Dead phones

At the end of last week, 46 of the 147 public telephones at service areas on the M1 were out of order, Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, said in a Commons written reply.

Correction

Mr Anthony Steen (South Hams, C) was wrongly reported on February 11 as saying, after a statement on the development of agricultural land, that he wanted the countryside to be protected from builders. That should have read "protected from the planners".

Marsh is drafted in for Conservatives

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Lord Marsh, the former Labour cabinet minister, is to be drafted into the Greenwich by-election to boost the flagging Conservative campaign, it was disclosed yesterday.

He will appear at the elbow of Mr John Antcliffe, the Tory candidate in the London seat, where the Alliance is emerging as the main challenger to Labour.

Mr Antcliffe said that the cross-bench peer, as Richard Marsh, Minister of Transport in the Wilson Government of the 1960s, was weighing in because he felt it essential that the "hard left be stopped in their tracks".

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Tory chairman, said: "Dick Marsh has watched the relentless slide to the left of the Labour Party under Neil Kinnock and has had enough.

"He wants to halt their growing extremism, and knows that the only way to stop the left is to vote Conservative — any other vote will let Labour in."

Lord Marsh, who resigned as Labour MP for Greenwich in 1971 to become chairman of British Rail, is now chairman of the Newspaper Publishers Association.

After the *Newsnight* poll, showing a seven-point jump in Alliance support in the constituency, propelling it into second place behind Labour, the Tories turned their attack on the third party.

Mr Antcliffe branded them Labour's "natural allies" and accused them of adopting similar policies in local government by pushing through huge rate rises and boosting bureaucracy by taking on hundreds of extra administrators.

The Conservatives also announced that Mr Jeffrey Archer, their former Tory deputy chairman, who resigned after allegations that he paid a prostitute to leave the country, would be campaigning for Mr Antcliffe on St Valentine's Day. They anxiously rejected suggestions that his visit could be better timed.

Mr Antcliffe denied that the Conservatives were beginning to panic in the face of the growth in Alliance support.

With Mr Clive Dunn, the dithering Corporal Jones of *Dad's Army* fame, answering a call to Labour's colours by addressing pensioners yesterday, Mr Antcliffe said that talk of disarray in his camp was better directed at Mrs Deirdre Wood's campaign.

"*There is no panic here* ... I think the only panic is in the Labour camp. They have got Clive Dunn coming down this afternoon, who no doubt will be telling people: 'Don't panic, don't panic' as he charges around Kidbrooke."

Meanwhile the Labour camp continued to predict a "substantial majority" on polling day.

But Mr Antcliffe did concede that "a lot", later qualified to "a few", of his supporters were thinking of defecting to the Alliance.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, joined Mrs Rosie Barnes, the Alliance candidate, to launch a stinging attack on Labour.

He said Mrs Wood was concealing her hard left credentials in the same way as leading Labour figures such as Mr Roy Hattersley and Mr Denis Healey hid their real views.

General election: N G Barnett (Lab) 13,361; A Rolle (C) 12,150; T Ford (SDP/All) 8,783; J Dell (BSP) 259; R Mallone (Fellowship) 242; Mrs F Hook (Comm) 143. Lab maj 1,211

Rosie Bar

The Alliance candidate, Mrs Rosie Barnes (left), Mr John Cartwright, MP, and Mr David Steel at the Alliance by-election press conference yesterday.

Weatherill's hands tied

Speaker will face a battle

By Sheila Gunn and Alan Wood

Labour and Alliance candidates are to stand against the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill at Croydon North East in the general election.

The contest will revive controversy about how to protect the Speaker from becoming embroiled in party politics during an election campaign while retaining his role as a constituency MP.

Mr Weatherill had a majority of 11,627 when he stood as a Conservative in the 1983 general election before he became Speaker. But he gave up all party affiliations when he took on the role of Speaker and so cannot canvass as a Conservative during the campaign.

"The disadvantages from the Speaker's point of view is that he stands but does not fight so he has his hands tied behind his back", he said.

"I will stand as Mr Speaker Weatherill, a non-party independent candidate. And I will not involve myself in any sense in party politics because the House of Commons would not expect a man who had promised to be totally impartial to go back on that pledge for a couple of weeks."

The Alliance has again picked Mr Julian Goldie to stand against him. Mr Goldie, an insurance salesman, polled 10,655 in the last election. Miss Christine Patrick has been selected by Labour in place of Miss Kathryn Tiley, who polled 9,503 in 1983.

Speakers of the House of Commons have faced a variety of challenges in elections since 1938 when a select committee recommended that they should not be opposed.

Mr Speaker Thomas, now Lord Tonypandy, was opposed by Plaid Cymru and National Front candidates in Cardiff West in the 1979 general election, but not by Conservative or Alliance candidates.

He romped home with a majority of 23,763.

Before him, Mr Selwyn Lloyd when Speaker faced both Labour and Liberal opponents in Wirral West in 1971. But that was influenced by his role as Foreign Secretary in the Suez crisis.

There has been debate in previous years over whether the Speaker should still be a constituency MP. One idea has been that the Speaker should have a special seat to protect his impartiality.

But Mr Speaker Weatherill believes strongly that a Speaker should be regarded by other MPs as "one of us" and have the same pressures as other members.

Tories attempt to embarrass Kinnock

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Senior Conservative MPs sought to embarrass Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday by challenging him to say when he would be returning to the United States to sell his party's non-nuclear defence policy.

The Labour leader's first trip, in December, was portrayed as far from successful in the British media. In January his second trip, planned for this month, was postponed because President Reagan was unable to find time to see him. Aides emphasized that this was not a snub and that the visit would be rearranged.

Yesterday's challenge came in a letter from Mr Gerry Neale, chairman of the Conservative Campaign for Defence and Multilateral Disarmament.

Billiard hall licences likely to be scrapped

The licensing restrictions on Britain's 400 billiard halls are likely to be scrapped later this year.

A Bill removing the restrictions was introduced with strong Government backing on Wednesday by Lord Allen of Abbeydale, an Independent peer and former chairman of the Gaming Board.

The managers of billards and pool halls have to apply for a licence every year under the present law.

The regulations date back to the Gaming Act, 1845, when such games were considered rather seedy and disreputable.

Lord Allen, whose Bill was given a first unopposed reading, called the present law absurd because there were many anomalies.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Broadcasting Bill, second reading. British Railways Bill, second reading.

Tuesday: Debates on Opposition motions on the disabled and on women in the community.

Wednesday: Debate on Government expenditure plans.

Thursday: Banking Bill, remaining stages.

Friday: Private members' Bills: Access to Personal Files Bill and Educational (Nutritional Requirements) Bill, second readings.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Monday: Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, third reading. Channel Tunnel Bill, second reading.

Tuesday: Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill and Debtors (Scotland) Bill, report stages. Debate on EEC forestry policy.

Wednesday: Debate on unemployment.

Thursday: Territorial Sea Bill, committee. Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984 (Continuance) Order. Debate on civil research and development.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills: Crown Proceedings (Armed Forces) Bill and Housing (Houses in Multiple Occupation) Bill, second readings.

MoD police promises for MPs

By Our Political Reporter

A Bill enabling the 5,000-strong Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) to operate throughout the country with powers equal to the civilian police completed its Commons committee stage yesterday, but only after MPs had extracted firm assurances about the extent of MDP power from the Government.

To date the jurisdiction of the MDP has been restricted to a 15-mile radius from any military establishment. The Government wishes to abolish those limits, arguing that there are now so many defence establishments that MDP jurisdiction is virtually nationwide already.

The proposal has aroused deep concern among civilian chief constables, and Labour and Conservative MPs pressed Mr Archibald Hamilton, the junior defence minister, yesterday to establish exactly which police force would be responsible for what.

Mr Hamilton rejected the suggestion of Mr Martin O'Neill, a Labour defence spokesman, that he should compile a written "concordat" setting out precisely the respective responsibilities of the MDP and the civilian constabularies. However he agreed to draw up national guidelines which will lay down the framework for liaison arrangements between the chief constables of the two forces.

He also reassured Mr Robert Key, Conservative MP for Salisbury, that the civilian constabularies would continue to have "primacy" over the MDP both inside and outside defence establishments.

Legal aid scheme hits 'serious crisis' over cuts in budget

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government was attacked by the Law Society and the Bar Council yesterday for failing to provide enough money for the running of the legal aid scheme which as a result has "hit a serious crisis".

The two professional bodies say that for the second year running the Government has cut the estimate of what is needed to run the scheme, by just under £1.8 million to £25.5 million.

That breaches the understanding on which the scheme has been administered for 36 years: namely that the Government would meet the necessary costs, they say.

As a result, the public could face delays in civil cases of up to 100 days, a further increase of 22 days in the waiting time this year, for their legal aid applications to be dealt with.

Solicitors will face similar delays waiting for their bills to be paid and more firms who concentrate on legal aid work and already working on huge overdrafts may be forced out of business.

Third, there is a risk that abuses of the scheme may be able to flourish through inadequate administrative controls.

The unprecedented statement comes after a meeting on Monday between the president of the Law Society and the Bar chairman with the Lord Chancellor over the legal aid budget when the two sides expressed their concern.

Yesterday, Mr John Wickerson, Law Society president, told the society's council members: "The Lord Chancellor acknowledged that reductions in service might result from the budget, but was not able to hold out any hope of further funding being available in 1987-88".

The £1.8 million cut in the estimated budget comes on top of a similar cut last year of £1.36 million in the estimate put forward by the Law Society, which runs the scheme.

The cumulative effect of both will be "extremely deleterious" as the brunt of this year's reduction will have to be borne by staff and will mean the loss of about 123 staff from a total 1,500.

The society and the Bar say: "Whereas previously there have been delays of some weeks there will now be delays of months.

"It has been necessary to discontinue the payment of overtime and the employment of temporary staff in legal aid offices; to impose tight controls on the filling of vacancies which occur; and even in some offices to decline to deal with incoming telephone calls."

Mr Charles Elly, chairman of the legal aid committee, said the effect of the inadequate budget was that it would take on average three months to process some legal aid certificates.

"That means that people will not be able to pursue their cases and any delay means injustice."

Mr Walter Merricks, for the Law Society, said that a report by the management consultants, Coopers and Lybrand, had said that if the administration of legal aid was not properly funded, one could not "safeguard and control the sums of money being passed out through the system".

Last night the Lord Chancellor's Department issued an equally forceful denial that there had been any cut. The £25.5 million for 1987-88 was 3.4 per cent more than that for this year, in line with inflation.

The increase came after a rise of about 18 per cent for 1986-87 over the year before that, which showed "the Government was prepared to give more money to legal aid administration where this is necessary".

It added that the Government acknowledged "the steady rise in demand for legal aid can be expected to continue next financial year, but it does not accept that rising workload necessarily means pro rata rises in administration resources to deal with it".

But the society said the 18 per cent rise was specifically for the creation of the duty solicitor scheme.

Second, it accepts the need for greater efficiency and is now radically reforming the way the scheme is run.

Within the next few weeks a White Paper on legal aid is expected to recommend the administration of the legal aid scheme, 7.8 per cent of the total legal aid budget, be handed over to a legal services board.

Mr Rod Hall with one of the parrots destined for Arizona (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Parrots on wing for US forests

By Gareth Huw Davies

A crate of five captive-bred male thick-billed parrots, which were hunted to extinction by 1935 in their natural habitat of the pine and oak woods of southern Arizona, were yesterday flown to the United States from Jersey Zoo.

Naturalists hope they will make up enough numbers for a viable breeding population.

Since last September this raucous, vividly decorated bird with scarlet head and green plumage, North America's last indigenous parrot, has once again been heard on the hillsides north of the Mexican border.

The success of the reintroduction programme depends on increasing the gene pool of the 13 birds already released by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The free airlift of the Jersey Zoo parrots by British Airways was arranged by Mr Rod Hall, a Boeing 747 engineer at BA and devoted ally of threatened and displaced wildlife.

The birds follow a parade of exotic refugee wildlife he has helped to repatriate.

Last year BA recognized the importance of Mr Hall's spare-time involvement by setting up a promotion department to support him, called Assisting Nature Conservation, with a £25,000 annual budget.

Mr Hall's first assignment, in 1981, was to gather the eggs of flightless steamer ducks and ruddy-headed ducks from their one world stronghold in the Falklands and to deliver them to the Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge in Gloucestershire.

Dismissal stands on 'abortion' typist

A medical receptionist dismissed after refusing to type abortion documents said yesterday she would take her case to the House of Lords after her appeal in the High Court failed.

Mrs Barbara Janaway, a practising Roman Catholic, had appealed against a decision of Salford Health Authority, Manchester, dismissing her for "misconduct".

Mrs Janaway, of Lords Street, Cadishead, near Manchester, who believes abortion is morally wrong, had objected to typing letters referring patients to specialists for pregnancy terminations. She had argued that she was protected by the "conscience clause" of the 1967 Abortion Act.

This states: "No person shall be under any duty, whether by contract or by any statutory or other legal requirement, to participate in any treatment authorized by this Act to which be has a conscientious objection".

But the judge said he found it impossible, as a "matter of plain English," to describe a receptionist typing a letter of referral as "thereby participating in the subsequent treatment of a patient in hospital".

Mrs Phyllis Bowman, National Director of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, said in a statement: "It is ridiculous to claim that one group of workers may not be forced against their conscience to become involved in a particular procedure while others may be compelled to involve themselves in duties resulting in the procedure being carried out."

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Mrs Cathy Rowling: will take title of reverend

Wife joins husband in clergy

By Mark Ellis

The new deacon of a neighbouring parish will be a familiar face to the Rev Richard Rowling, curate of St Peter and St Paul at Stokesley, near Middlesbrough.

Mrs Cathy Rowling, aged 31, will be ordained into the Church of England as a deacon at York Minster by Dr John Hapgood on March 7, and will take the title reverend with her husband. She has been appointed to Christ Church at Great Ayton.

She is already a deaconess, a lay post in the church, but her ordination will confer the authority to conduct marriages. The only role denied her will be that of presiding at Holy Communion.

A supporter of the campaign for women priests, Mrs Rowling said: "I would like to see it when the time is right, but not at the cost of splitting the church".

£5m plea to build clipper

An appeal was launched yesterday for more than £5 million to re-create one the glories of the North-east, the record-breaking Victorian sailing ship, Torrens.

The Sunderland-built square rigger was one of the last full-rigged passenger clippers and sailed the great Australian trade route for nearly 30 years, on one trip covering the 16,000 miles from Plymouth to Adelaide in 64 days.

Shipbreakers in Genoa are reputed to have been so awed by her beauty that in 1910 they spared her for a time until an accident sealed her fate. Joseph Conrad, the novelist, who served on Torrens as second mate for two years in the 1890s, described her as "a ship of brilliant qualities".

The Torrens Maritime Trust is hoping to build a replica in the same yard, now disused, where the original was launched in 1875 to become the flagship of the Elder Line.

Trust members, who include businessmen and local councillors, hope to build the replica using original plans. As well as creating jobs during construction, they want to use the ship as a floating exhibition centre.

The estimated cost of more than £5 million is considerably more than the £27,257 for the original, but the new version would have the benefit of modern navigational aids and reserve engines.

Four on Sun charges

Four men appeared at Thames Magistrates' Court yesterday on charges of stealing or receiving copies of *The Sun* newspaper.

John William Devine, aged 48, a dustman, of Rhodeswell Road, Stepney, east London, admitted receiving 50 copies of the newspaper on January 29, knowing them to be stolen, and was fined £25.

David Rhodes, aged 48, a news vendor, of Chingford, Essex, who faced the same charge, was remanded on bail to February 25.

Martin Jeffrey Spicer, aged 36, a driver, of Pitsea, Essex, charged with dishonestly producing an order slip at News International, east London, on January 29, and with stealing newspapers, was remanded on bail to February 25.

Anthony Thomas, aged 34, a driver, of Hockley, Essex, who admitted two charges of stealing 50 newspapers, worth £6, on December 30 and 31, was remanded to March 12.

Report of protest 'not corrected'

An account in the *Daily Mail* of a dispute at a Ukrainian Catholic Church was not generally inaccurate, the Press Council commented today.

However, the editor failed to correct an inaccuracy, the council said, upholding to that extent a complaint by the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain Ltd.

The newspaper reported that Father Stephan Shimkin stopped in mid-sermon during a protest at the Edinburgh church and stormed out to fetch the police. Four members of the congregation were arrested. Previous services had been disrupted by demonstrators.

Mr Iwan Rawluk, the association's general secretary, complained to the editor that the report was maliciously false. It was incorrect that Father Shimkin stormed out during mid-sermon or that there were other disturbances.

Mr Mac Keene, associate managing editor, told him that the paper's account was based on a long talk with Father Shimkin, and a police officer had confirmed four arrests.

Mr Rawluk later provided the council with eight statements from people at the church. They said Father Shimkin tried to prevent some people entering the church and when they slipped past him he went for the police.

The council's adjudication was:

> There was some disorder at St Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Leith, and the service was delayed by protesters. The *Daily Mail*'s account of the incident was not generally inaccurate.
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> However, the priest did not stop in mid-sermon to call the police as the newspaper reported, an inaccuracy which the editor failed to correct.
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> To this extent the complaint against the *Daily Mail* is upheld.

Where do the people who check out shops, shop?

ASDA

The Sunday Times Magazine recently asked twenty Trading Standards Officers where they do their weekly shopping.

Top of the list was Asda, which they praised for being, "acceptable in every material way, fair pricing, a good range of products and well laid out."

If we were shopping for compliments, we couldn't have put it better ourselves.

You'd be off your trolley to go anywhere else.

Access and Visa welcome in every department at most stores.

How this man made his office the quietest in history.

For six years, Calvin Coolidge held the highest office in the United States of America — yet it is more than likely that you have never heard of him before.

The reason for this is simple — he hardly ever said anything.

The whole country knew its President as 'Silent Cal'. Every time he opened his mouth, it was said, a moth flew out. Alice Roosevelt was even less charitable. "He looks as if he'd been weaned on a pickle," she commented.

Even at an early age, it was clear that he was a man of few words. One day he was having his hair cut in a small barber's shop in Vermont when the town doctor walked in and sat down to wait. "Cal, did you take the pills I gave you?" he asked. Coolidge said nothing for a minute or two, then replied, "Nope!" A little later, the doctor asked, "Are you feeling any better?" After another long pause came the answer: "Yup!" When his haircut was finished, Coolidge started to leave without paying. "Aren't you forgetting something?" asked the barber. "Sorry," said Cal. "I was so busy gossiping with the doctor that it just slipped my mind."

But it was when Coolidge reached the White House in 1923 that he really hit form. He soon learned how to use his taciturnity to his advantage in Congress. Once, a member made an exceptionally long and boring speech in support of some measure, beginning virtually every sentence with the same words: "Mr Speaker, it is..." After he sat down, Coolidge simply rose and said, "Mr Speaker, it is not!" Everyone roared with laughter and the measure was killed.

Having a quiet office also helped him to get things done more quickly. His successor as governor of Massachusetts once paid him a visit to find out how he had been able to see so many callers every day and yet finish his work at 5 p.m., whereas he now found that he was often detained until nine. "How come the difference?" he asked. "You talk back," replied Coolidge.

When Coolidge left office, he passed on similar advice to Hoover regarding long-winded visitors: "If you keep dead still, they'll run down in three or four minutes."

One would expect a national leader to be a little more forthcoming at an official press conference, however. During the presidential campaign of 1924, he was asked, "Have you any statement on the campaign?" A long pause, then the reply: "No." "Can you tell us something about the world situation?" "No." "Any information about Prohibition?" "No." Then, as the disappointed journalists started to leave, Coolidge said solemnly, "And don't quote me."

The other media of the day were scarcely more successful in getting him to talk. A film cameraman once tried to get some shots of Coolidge and his wife for a newsreel (silent, of course). "Look pleasant," he told the President, "and for Pete's sake, say something! Anything: good morning or howdy do!" Coolidge actually obliged — but not without muttering to his wife, "That man gets more conversation out of me than all Congress."

Surely a President is expected to make speeches in public from time to time, you may say. Indeed he is — but Coolidge didn't. After he had broken ground for the cornerstone of a new public building, the assembled crowd waited for the customary address — but none came. Finally, the master of ceremonies asked him to say a few words. Coolidge thought for a moment, pointed to the spadeful of earth he had thrown up, said, "That's a mighty fine fishworm," and walked off.

On another occasion, Coolidge's train stopped to pick up coal and water at a small town on the way to St. Louis and a large crowd gathered outside to see him. An aide went into his private carriage and found him fast asleep. Tapping him on the shoulder, he said, "Mr President, sir, there are about twenty-five hundred people waiting to see you." Without a word, Coolidge got up and followed him to the train's observation platform. He gave his official smile and was loudly applauded. Then his wife appeared and was given an even greater ovation. Finally, a local dignitary shouted, "Now, you folks all hush up, y'hear? I want absolute silence. The President of the United States is going to address us." Silence fell. "All right," the man whispered to Coolidge, "you may speak now." Just then, there was a hiss of air as the brakes were released and the train began to roll out of the station. The president, still smiling, raised his hand to the crowd and said, "Goodbye."

As President, Coolidge was naturally obliged to attend many dinners, yet the more relaxed atmosphere of these still did nothing to make him more communicative. At one, he found himself sitting next to a very attractive young lady, but he did not acknowledge her at all. Bringing all her charm to bear, she made her big attempt to engage him in conversation. "Mr President," she chirped, "I have made a bet with my friends that I can get more than two words out of you this evening!" "You lose," grunted Coolidge, and relapsed into his usual silence for the rest of the meal.

His neighbours in Vermont fared no better when they presented him with a special handmade rake. Their spokesman dwelt at length on the qualities of the hickory from which it was made. "Hickory is like the President," he said. "It is sturdy, strong, resilient and unbroken." He then handed the rake to Coolidge who, after examining it closely, merely said: "Ash."

Cal did once invite some friends to cruise with him on the presidential yacht — but in the event, he hardly talked to them either. He spent most of his time alone at the rail of the deck, staring silently out at the water. "Look at him," remarked one guest to the others. "See how he stands with his head bowed over the rail. What great problems afflicting the nation can be burdening this man's mind?" Eventually, Coolidge turned round and joined them, saying, "See that seagull? Been watching it for twenty minutes. Hasn't moved. Think it's dead."

This still leaves one person with whom Coolidge must have talked at some length, however. After all, he couldn't possibly have given his wife the same silent treatment he gave everyone else...could he?

You've guessed it. One Sunday, Mrs Coolidge was unwell, so he went to church on his own. When he returned, she asked what the minister had preached about. After a long pause, he replied, "Sin." "Well, what did he have to say about sin?" she persisted. Cal remained deep in thought for some time and then answered, "He's against it."

When Coolidge finally left the White House in 1929, he was of course too set in his ways to change. A number of his college contemporaries met up in Spain and decided to have a reunion. They sent Coolidge a telegram asking him to send a message to be read out at the dinner — and to make sure that he knew he could say as much as he liked, they made it clear that there would be no cable charges. The dinner was well-attended, and at the climax of the evening, the ex-President's name was mentioned to great applause. When the ovation died down, the message was read: "Greetings. Calvin Coolidge."

Coolidge died in 1933 — and appropriately enough, the final word on his life was spoken by someone else. When Dorothy Parker heard the news that he was dead, her reaction was immediate: "How can they tell?"

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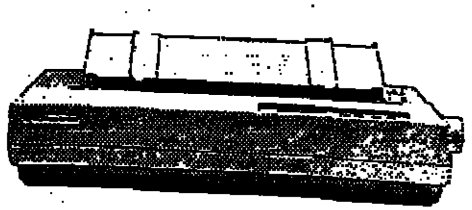

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Fire safety risk in drive for burglar proof homes

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Securing homes against burglars could dangerously hamper escape from fire, a Royal Institute of British Architects seminar was told yesterday.

Mr Simon Ham, an architect and fire consultant, said: "I predict that with increasing pressure on householders to secure their homes there will be a domestic fire tragedy in which the presence of security devices will be seen to be a contributory factor to the deaths of the occupants".

His warning comes in the wake of increased pressure from the Government to prevent crime, with priority being given to deterring entry to property. Residential burglary was on the agenda of a seminar held in June by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, to follow up the Prime Minister's crime initiative.

In a decade the number of burglaries recorded by police has increased by more than 92 per cent.

Mr Ham told the seminar on "Safer by Design", held in London: "There are significantly more deaths through fire in housing than in any other occupancy. Although the contribution of security measures to those deaths may be slight, this is a highly emotive and controversial area."

Security was important in buildings, but it must be treated within the context of other design constraints, including consideration of the reasonable needs for the occupants to escape in the event of fire.

More government money is to go on housing security. Mr Richard Tracey, Under Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, said that more would be spent on run-down and difficult housing estates by Estate Action (formerly the Urban Housing Renewal Unit).

This year, the first in which it was operational, it would have £50 million to allocate and £75 million next financial year. About £20 million was this year being used on improving the security of estates.

"These measures include controlled entry systems, physical adaptation and remodelling of estates to reduce opportunities for crime.

"They also include increased local management and human presence on estates through the provision of new estate offices and on-site managers, caretakers and repair teams and, in some cases, concierge-type arrangements."

In its introduction the programme for the seminar said: "Recent surveys of householders' desires reveal fear of crime and securing the dwelling against it to be the top priority".

Mr Tracey said that security measures should be as normal a part of design for both newly built and converted property as weatherproofing, heating and insulation.

No let-up in number seeking asylum

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

Ministers are becoming increasingly concerned about would-be refugees seeking political asylum in the United Kingdom on spurious grounds.

They say that the sudden surge in applications from Sri Lanka, Iran and Turkey has maintained the pressure on immigration officers felt during the latter part of last year, which led to visa requirements for visitors from the Indian sub-continent, Ghana and Nigeria.

All three countries involved have internal political problems, but ministers say many of those applying for refugee status have left home for economic reasons.

The Home Office is now engaged in talks with the United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service aimed at speeding the lengthy procedure for checking the validity of claims for political asylum.

There has also been a growth in the numbers of immigrants arriving at UK ports with bogus documents. Recently, a party of 20 Turks were refused entry after they were found to be travelling on forged passports.

In another case, a party of Tamils changed planes at Heathrow en route to Sweden. But, after they flushed their papers down the aircraft lavatories, they were refused entry in Stockholm and sent back to London. They have since been allowed to enter the UK.

In many of the cases now coming to light, applications are from people travelling from third countries, mainly in Western Europe, where they have taken up residence and to which they are being sent back.

Mrs Ethel Coghlan, aged 74, gathering cockles at Llanrhidian on the Gower peninsula, west Wales, which she has been doing for 61 years (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Fan told mother to call police after riot

A football supporter who saw himself on television after the Heysel stadium disaster in Belgium two years ago asked his mother to ring Merseyside police and give them his name.

Barry Rickman, aged 29, of Chancery Green, Ipswich, one of 26 Liverpool fans before an extradition hearing at Highbury Magistrates' Court, north London, was identifiable by his white T-shirt.

In a statement read by Mr Michael Sherrard, QC, for the crown, Mr Rickman said he was hit on the back and side of his head by concrete thrown by Italian fans.

Another supporter, Keith Reed, aged 21, of Milton Avenue, Liverpool, said he wanted retribution after being attacked by Italians in Rome in 1984.

Gary Rutter, aged 21, of Fishers Lane, Persby, Wirral, went to the police after seeing his photograph in a local newspaper.

The hearing continues today.

Costs threaten to price British TV out of markets

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

Television production costs are running out of control and threatening the competitive position of the British programme industry in world media markets, according to a report being studied by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Television programmes produced by traditional broadcasting organizations typically cost 25 per cent more to make than those created by independent producers.

The report, co-sponsored by the department and 21 other organizations, was prepared by the International Institute of Communications, with detailed research and analysis provided by The Goodall Partnership, a London consultancy.

The study found that Britain is well-placed to export television programmes, but is vulnerable to a management culture that had paid little attention to costs.

Mr John Howkins, executive director of the IIC, said new strategies for cost control were needed. "The industry has got to rethink the relationship between production, the editing function and distribution," he said.

Mr Chris Goodall, director of the consultancy, said most broadcasters had "significant scope for cutting costs" and that all of those studied, with the exception of Channel 4, lacked accounting systems to show in detail the cost of producing programmes.

The IIC study is expected to provide additional ammunition to the Government in its effort to carve a larger role for independent producers. It also shows the vulnerability of broadcasters, including the BBC and traditional ITV companies, to competition from independents, who are able to undercut their costs.

Data for the study was provided by Channel 4, TVS, TV Ontario and a number of European broadcasters.

Worry over robberies drove vicar to suicide

A vicar hanged himself with a bell rope after a spate of robberies at his church, an inquest at Walthamstow, east London, was told yesterday.

The Rev Frank Raynes, aged 57, was "particularly depressed" by the raids in which he was threatened and money was stolen.

His wife Shirley, aged 55, found his body dangling from the belfry at St Paul's Church, Cross Croad, Woodford Bridge, Essex.

She told the inquest: "On one occasion the safe was broken into and a number of times he was exposed to threats by people demanding money. He was concerned about security at the church and was frightened of opening the door at night."

Mr Raynes was seeing a psychiatrist at the time because he was also feeling miserable about health problems. He had suffered bouts of depression for 25 years and had twice taken overdoses. Dr Harold Price, the coroner, recorded that Mr Raynes killed himself while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

Council is told to pay for arcade appeal

The campaign by local councils against amusement arcades has been dealt a blow by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

He has ordered Canterbury City Council to pay the costs of a planning appeal, estimated at £5.000, which overturned the council's refusal of consent for an amusement arcade at Whitstable.

Mr Ridley ruled that the Canterbury councillors had let their personal views influence their decision.

Boy hanged himself after girl's rebuff

Glenn Harrison, aged 14, was shattered when his girl friend ended their romance, an inquest at Dereham, Norfolk, was told yesterday. He hanged himself on a linen post.

His friend, Vicki Barker, aged 15, told the inquest how she broke with Harrison, of Hindringham, Norfolk, because she thought their relationship was too serious.

He telephoned and told the girl: "I thought you might like to know I am going to hang myself".

Miss Barker said: "I said 'do it. Go ahead. I don't care'."

The coroner recorded a verdict that the boy killed himself by hanging.

Bank manager stole retarded girl's money

A Barclays Bank manager who stole £5,375 from a mentally retarded girl's trust fund was jailed at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday for nine months with six months suspended.

Gavin Parkes, aged 52, of Kingswinford, near Wolverhampton, manager of the West Bromwich branch, admitted four counts of theft and two of forgery over 12 months from May 1984.

Mr Stephen Campbell, for the prosecution, said Mr John Nelson had left a £11,000 trust fund at Parkes's bank for his daughter, Mary. Parkes and a relative of Miss Nelson were co-trustees of the fund.

Plenty of quality fish and prices are down

The weather has been kind to fishermen and there are excellent supplies of quality fish available for the weekend. Prices are lower than they have been for many weeks.

The wide selection includes cod from Aberdeen at an average £1.90 a lb, coley about £1.20, Scottish herrings 70p, Cornish mackerel 75p, sprats from Southend 50p, monkfish £3.20, brill £2.50, and haddock £2.35.

There are Loch Fyne kippers at £1.20 and smoked haddock at an average £1.89 a lb. Recommended shellfish are mussels from 35p pint, hard-back clams 25p each, and scallops at 50p each.

Rump steak is down 7p a lb to an average £3.13 a lb in the south-east of England. Home-produced lamb prices are also down in that area from 1p to 3p a lb on all cuts: Whole leg ranges from £1.29 to £2.58 a lb, and loin chops from £1.24 to £3.65 a lb.

New Zealand lamb is unchanged from whole leg which is up between 2p and 4p a lb to an average £1.53 a lb. Pork prices are steady, whole leg is £1.07, loin chops £1.45, and boneless shoulder £1.39 a lb.

There is a good selection of plums from the Cape and Chile between 50-90p a lb. Among the wide selection of citrus fruits available look out for the jaffa sweetie grapefruit at 20-40p each, delicious clementines 30-55p a lb.

New this week are ruby red oranges at 7p-9p each and orantiques, a cross between an orange and a tangerine, 20-25p each. It is the end of the season for satsumas, 35-45p a lb, and marmalade oranges, 20-30p a lb.

Supplies and prices of home-grown vegetables are back to normal apart from cauliflowers which are still scarce and very expensive at 70p to £1 each.

Salad ingredients are scarce and rather dear. Iceberg lettuce 60p-£1, cucumber 75p-£1 each, and tomatoes 60-85p a lb.

Some meat and poultry on promotion at shops and supermarkets this week are Marks & Spencer fresh chicken down 13p a lb to 69 and 75p a pound depending on size; Dewhurst 4lb-packs of braising steak, ground beef, and all diced stewing beef £5.60 a pack. Bejams New Zealand leg of lamb £1.19 a lb, Presto steak and kidney £1.09, and boneless four quarter roasting beef £1.48 a lb; Asda home-produced fresh/frozen leg of pork 89p a lb, and 3lb-packs of frozen chicken thighs £1.99; Sainsburys whole leg of pork 72p a lb, and fresh chicken 59p a lb.

CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL

People directly or materially affected by the proposals contained in the Channel Tunnel Bill are reminded that the Bill has been introduced into the House of Lords and that any petitions against the Bill are to be deposited not later than Wednesday, 18 February, with the Clerk of Private Bills in the House of Lords.

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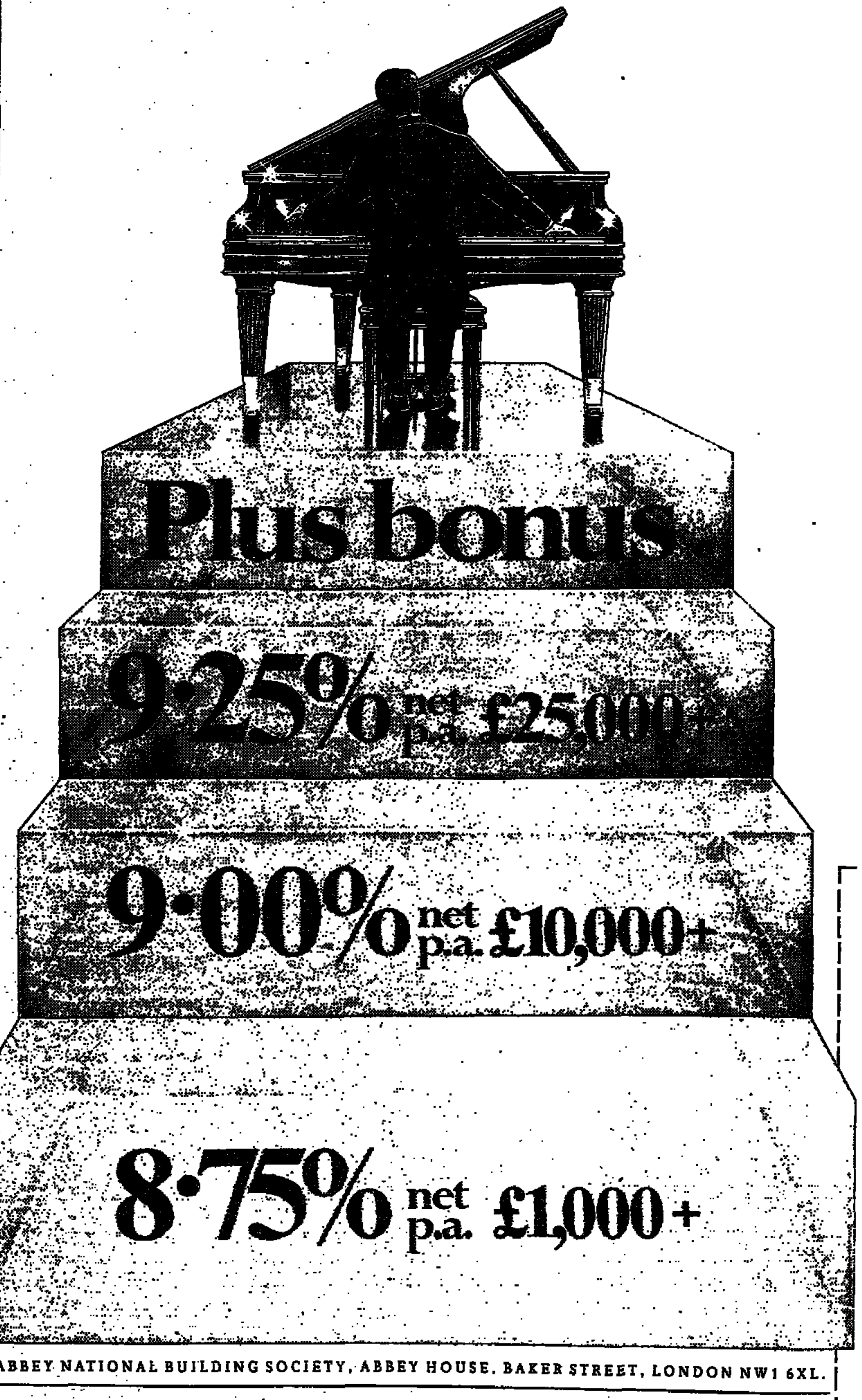

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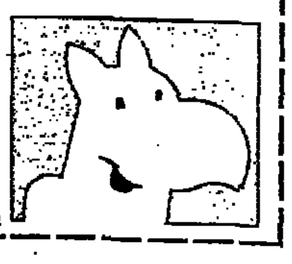

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WORLD SUMMARY

US move to ease worries on SDI

Washington — The US is considering sending Mr Paul Nitze, the veteran arms control adviser, and General Edward Rowney, a former arms negotiator, on a tour to consult nervous allies on its intentions concerning the anti-ballistic missile (ABM) treaty and SDI (Michael Binyon writes).

This would be in response to promises given by Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, that the Administration would not change its interpretation of the 1972 ABM treaty or speed up deployment of elements of the SDI programme without first discussing this with Congress and the allies.

But Mr Shultz repeated to Congress that any decision to deploy space defences was at least two years away, and each phase had to meet the criteria of survivability and cost-effectiveness.

He told the House appropriations defence sub-committee: "It has to be technically feasible, it has to be cost-effective at the margin".

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Russian Aids count

Moscow — The first official statistics released by the Kremlin on incidence of Aids inside the Soviet Union showed that all but one of the 20 cases so far recorded have been foreigners (Christopher Walker writes).

The statistics were announced at a press briefing by Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Kremlin's chief spokesman, who claimed that the almost complete absence of the disease could be mainly explained because "the sexual revolution bypassed us".

Although the Soviet Union did not in general have the problem of Aids being transmitted by drug users with dirty syringes, Mr Gerasimov did acknowledge that there was one Soviet girl who had contracted the disease in that way.

Press still restricted

Johannesburg — President Botha of South Africa said last night that his Government had to maintain press restrictions imposed under the state of emergency because the media had failed to establish "effective procedures to regulate themselves" (Michael Hornsby writes).

A meeting today between *the Newspaper Press* Union, to which the four main English and Afrikaans newspaper groups belong, and a special Cabinet committee has been cancelled.

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Gang nets millions

Marseilles — A gang that robbed the Marseilles Savings Bank, and then vanished down a prepared tunnel specially lined with carpets to the city's sewers with the contents of hundreds of safe deposit boxes, netted an estimated 200 million francs (£21 million) (Reuter reports).

The size of the haul on *Monday may be a record* for France, and second only to the 1983 robbery at Heathrow airport, London, of more than £26 million, mainly in gold bullion, from the Brinks Mat company.

Giscard out of race

Paris — The announcement by former President Giscard d'Estaing that he is not in the race for the 1988 presidential elections may have helped to clarify the field, but has done little to heal the deep divisions within the ruling right-wing coalition (Diana Geddes writes).

Despite various attempted come-backs since his defeat in 1981, M Giscard (below), who is 61, has never succeeded in winning more than moderate public support.

His rating in the opinion polls has consistently trailed behind that of M Raymond Barre and M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, who are the two most likely right-wing candidates for 1988.

In some ways, therefore, his announcement during a television interview on Wednesday did not come as a surprise. On the other hand, some feel he has still left the door slightly ajar.

Hawke's dilemma

Sydney — The Hawke *Government is expected to* announce this month what it intends to do about 70 suspected Nazi war criminals who are believed to be living in Australia (Stephen Taylor writes).

For more than two months, Canberra has been sitting uneasily on a report by a special investigator appointed last year after claims in a TV programme that war criminals managed to gain entry to Australia after the war.

Bombers hit Iran

Tehran (Reuter) — At least 10 people were reported killed or wounded in an Iraqi air raid on Tehran yesterday, one of several attacks on Iranian cities. Tehran radio said two children were among the victims of two bombs that fell on the capital.

The radio said more people were killed or wounded when Iraqi warplanes hit residential areas in the western cities of Hamadan, Ilam, Malayer, Sanandaj and Zanjan.

Spectre of starvation haunts beleaguered refugee camps

Palestinian women take to streets in protest as Amal refuse to lift siege

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Beirut

Holding bundles of flat Arab bread over their heads, scores of Palestinian women and children yesterday marched through west Beirut, vowing to stage daily demonstrations until the siege of Palestinian refugee camps is lifted.

It was the latest expresion of Palestinian street outrage, following news that thousands of civilians were starving inside the bombarded Bourj al-Barajneh and Chatila camps in Beirut and in Rashidiyeh, just south of Tyre.

The camps have been under siege by the Shia Muslim Amal militia for almost 15 weeks. The women, who yesterday were demanding an immediate solution to a war that has taken too inhuman a twist, were saying that they were ready to cross the front lines with food for their compatriots if their words were not heeded.

In front of them, Sheikh Hassan Khaled, the Grand Mufti of the Republic of Lebanon, who received them in Dar el-Ifta, the supreme Sunni Muslim council, confessed how sad he had felt ever since the war between Shia Muslims and Palestinians began almost two years ago. High above, the contrails of two high-flying Israeli aircraft twisted over central Lebanon.

All the marching women were refugees who had left the camps shortly before and during the War of the Camps and are now living in the small, overcrowded camp of Mar Elias under the protection of Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader of Lebanon's Progressive Socialist Party.

Italy will send food and medicines worth about £5 million for the relief of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday (Reuter reports from Rome). The supplies are to be delivered to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA).

The latest conventional attempt to send food and medical aid into the Bourj al-Barajneh camp was indefinitely postponed by the Amal militia on Wednesday. Five days before that, three young Palestinians were shot dead and their lorryload of rice burnt at the gates of Bourj al-Barajneh.

Yesterday United Nations workers were still waiting for permission from Amal to enter the camps for the first time, as it would be for the International Committee of the Red Cross, which has so far tried in vain.

In Tunis, Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, was said to have already held discussions with French officials on ways to help the Palestinian refugees trapped in the camps. This came shortly after King Hassan of Morocco had offered to parachute supplies into Chatila and Bourj al-Barajneh.

In Vienna, Chancellor Franz Vranitzky declared that Austria would send immediate food and medicine to both Amal and the Palestinians to avoid provoking jealousy.

Amal officials in Beirut simply said "maybe tomorrow" when asked when the siege would be lifted, at least to allow emergency help into the camps.

A Beirut Palestinian family waiting for news of menfolk still trapped in one of the camps.

Israeli aircraft raid Sidon targets

From Our Correspondent, Jerusalem

Israeli aircraft yesterday attacked guerrilla targets in the Sidon area, an Army spokesman announced. All aircraft returned safely to base and the pilots reported hits. Targets included buildings on the outskirts of the Miyeh-Miyeh refugee camp, which were used as guerrilla headquarters.

Israel has been making known its concern about the Palestinian build-up in southern Lebanon, particularly in the Sidon area. Last week an Israeli naval patrol intercepted an Egyptian freighter on route from Cyprus to Lebanon and apprehended some 50 passengers alleged to be members of Mr Yassir Arafat's Fatah.

Bridges across the river will be closed for 48 hours from this morning as new search procedures are introduced.

● BEIRUT: Witnesses reported that two civilians were killed, and at least six other people, three of them Palestinian guerrillas, wounded during yesterday's attack, Israel's fifth this year

Jerusalem denial of prisoner deal

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

There is no basis to reports that Israel is negotiating a prisoner exchange, the State Attorney's office in Jerusalem said yesterday.

The denial was included in the state's response to the petition submitted to the Supreme Court on Wednesday seeking an order nisi preventing the Government from exchanging terrorists held in Israel for prisoners of war or hostages in Lebanon.

The state said that the matter was being dealt with, taking full notice of the pain of the bereaved families who had submitted the petition as well as various political and security considerations. It emphasized the duty owed by the state to its captive soldiers and their families.

***The Supreme Court, mean*while, decided not to discuss the petition, which was submitted by the families of seven Israelis killed in terrorist attacks, pending a police investigation of a demonstration inside the court by the petitioners.**

Britain in clash over visa office

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

An urgent Foreign Office damage limitation exercise was under way yesterday to prevent the escalation of a dispute with Nigeria.

Nigeria has ordered Britain to close its new visa issuing office in Lagos today, only 13 days after it opened. Just 48 hours notice was given.

Britain responded with deliberate abruptness by announcing immediate closure. No new applications will be handled except medical emergencies. Even Nigerian diplomats will be affected.

The official reason for the closure demand was that the office was causing traffic chaos

A *more plausible explana*tion was thought to be that it is close to the entrance to Dodan barracks, where President Babangida works. It was thought that officials feared traffic congestion could compromise his security.

Whitehall sources believe the Nigerians failed to appreciate the effect of the closure order. But if a quick solution is not found they will conclude that a darker signal about Anglo-Nigerian relations was intended.

Portugal's pretender a man after the Prince's own heart

From Alan Hamilton, Lisbon

The Prince of Wales, who is looking perplexed at what exactly he is doing in Lisbon during February's high winds and raw Atlantic squalls, could do worse than spend an hour with Dom Duarte Pio de Braganca, pretender to the Portuguese throne, as a man after Charles's own heart.

Dom Duarte was not invited to the state banquet given by President Soares at the start of the four-day official visit by the Prince and Princess of Wales to Portugal, during which the Princess was seen to tweak playfully at the President's braces, and although he was admitted to the informal reception afterwards, he did not meet the Royal visitors. Which is a pity, for Charles, with his interest in inner city decay and helping the dispossessed, would have found much to talk about.

Lisbon was once a hub of empire, and the imperial legacy is everywhere. But the glory is faded, and the empire is reduced to the sole territory of Macao, soon to go the way of Hong Kong back to China.

In the 18th century Royal Palace of Queluz, where the royal couple are staying, their suite is damp, the silver on the *ballroom mirrors* is peeling, and the ceilings are in sad need of a coat of paint. Portugal, the newest and poorest member of the European Community, does not have the money for extensive restoration.

But there are sadder leftovers from the days when the Portuguese ruled much of Africa and substantial corners of the Far East. Lisbon has many thousands of refugees from Mozambique and Angola, and particularly from East Timor, occupied by Indonesia in 1974, and with its future still not officially settled. They live in shanty towns on the edge of the city, a surprising sight in a European capital.

Which is where Dom Duarte comes in. Assuming the mantle of Geldof, he raises substantial sums for the refugees by appeals, pop concerts, and television spectaculars. His current scheme, which he hopes will bear fruit later this year, is to build an estate of decent houses to replace one of the worst of the wooden shack and plastic sheet shanty towns, and rehouse 1,600 refugees.

● Lisbon's Geldof shares a royal interest in decay of inner cities ●

The city council have given him the land, on condition that the housing list is open to others to avoid the creation of an East Timor ghetto, but the building work is to be paid for from the pretender's appeals; he is planning another major music festival next month.

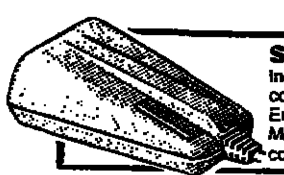
He has criticized the Social Democrat minority government of the Prime Minister, Senhor Antonio Cavaco Silva, for not doing enough to ease the refugee problem, and he points out that the housing shortage will become much worse during the next few years as thousands of *retornados*, Portuguese guest-workers no longer welcome in West Germany and France, flock home.

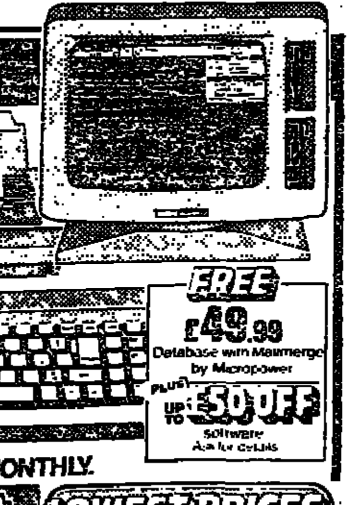
In general, however, he keeps a low political profile, although he is happy to be the figurehead of a small monarchist party.

Dom Duarte, who can claim an extremely distant family connection with the Prince of Wales through his ancestor *Catherine of Bragança, wife of* Charles II, is a 40-year-old bachelor landowner and head of an agricultural credit agency who is allowed to live and operate freely in his native country, which has been a republic since 1910.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will see nothing of Dom Duarte's work, or the problems it seeks to solve. Yesterday they went on a whistle-stop sightseeing tour which encompassed the tomb of Vasco da Gama, a restored cod-fishing boat, a new office for Lloyds Bank, a school, and a centre for the care of young victims of cerebral palsy.

They were taken to the high battlements of São Jorge castle *and, with the damp, insistent* wind tugging at their hair looked down on the terra cotta roofs of a city which, without sun, is largely drained of life and colour. The Prince, much too polite to wear anything but a brave face, nevertheless looked somewhat dour, as though conscious of how far below him the real city was.





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Aid groups say Mozambique is facing food catastrophe

By Nicholas Beeston

Four million Mozambicans face hunger and destitution unless they receive emergency aid, Britain's two largest overseas aid agencies said yesterday, when they launched an appeal for public support.

In their first-ever joint emergency appeal, Save the Children and Oxfam announced a £4.5 million relief operation for the southern African state, where millions of people in the north have been made homeless by the civil war.

The agencies said they required initial public donations of more than £1 million to provide for basic immediate needs in the worst-hit northern region. The bulk of the aid is being donated by the Overseas Development Administration and the EEC.

The three worst-affected provinces are Zambezia, Tete and Niassa, where insurgents have been most active and destructive. The British operation will concentrate on providing cereals, foods, seeds, tools and improved transport for Zambezia. Other international agencies are coordinating operations in the other provinces.

Nearly one million people have fled their villages in Zambezia because of the scorched-earth operations of the South African-backed Mozambique National Resistance movement (MNR, also known as Renamo), who are fighting the Soviet-sponsored government troops.

"If we act now the worst can be averted and thousands of lives can be saved," said Mr Nicholas Hinton, the director-general of Save the Children Fund, which has been working closely with Oxfam in Mozambique since 1983.

According to the United Nations, Mozambique and its African ally Angola have the highest infant mortality rate in the world, with about 360 small children dying every day.

Both charities said that the crisis was not yet on the same scale as the famine which gripped Ethiopia and other Horn of Africa countries two years ago, but they warned that without donations for emergency relief Mozambique faced a similar catastrophe.

A special UN mission is expected in Maputo next week to evaluate the situation.

Workers protesting in Athens yesterday against the Government's austerity programme.

Explosion in Athens as million stop work

From Mario Modiano
Athens

A bomb damaged a branch of the Greek Finance Ministry in central Athens early yesterday as more than one million workers began their second national strike this year in protest against economic austerity and shrinking incomes.

The left-wing extremist group Revolutionary Popular Struggle, which claimed responsibility for the bomb attack, said in a proclamation that it was directed against the Socialist Government's "extortionate onslaught on the wages and incomes of the proletariat".

The strike paralyzed much of Greek industry, banks, postal services and telecommunications. It disrupted public transport and hospitals, and left city rubbish uncollected. It was called by the General Confederation of Greek Workers which, significantly, is controlled by the ruling Socialists, and was accompanied by protest rallies in several cities.

The labour unrest is expected to continue, witha national strike by civil servants and public sector workers on Monday and Tuesday. The unions are pressing the Government to end the virtual pay freeze imposed 16 months ago.

Egyptian referendum

Electoral reforms will leave real power to Mubarak

From Ian Murray, Cairo

Egypt's 14 billion registered voters were given the chance in a referendum yesterday to say whether they wanted more democracy. When the result is announced tomorrow, nobody will be surprised if the polls have been accurate in predicting that at least 96 per cent will say "Yes".

Understandably, therefore, this sixteenth referendum in the history of modern Egypt has caused little excitement. There seems almost as much newsprint devoted to the arrival of "the cream of the English theatre" — the Watermill Company — to perform Tom Stoppard's play *The Real Thing*.

It is not clear how real a thing the new Egyptian democracy will be after the referendum, but it will be surprising if President Mubarak has lost any real power. The plan is that a "Yes" vote will lead to elections on April 9 under new rules allowing independents to stand for the first time as candidates for the People's Assembly.

❛ President's chance to bring Egypt out of the cold and back to a central place ❜

But the new rules still require any party to win 8 per cent of the national vote to win seats, while an independent has to obtain 20 per cent support in any of the 48 constituencies in order to enter the assembly. The five legal opposition parties are likely to announce tomorrow that they will continue an electoral pact to join forces in the hope of winning up to 35 per cent of the vote and returning a third of the members to the 448-seat assembly.

Even the most optimistic of them does not believe there is any chance of toppling the National Democratic Party, which will certainly give President Mubarak a second six-year term in October. There is likely to be a larger opposition in the new assembly, but not big enough to make the President do anything he does not want to do.

President Mubarak voting in yesterday's referendum.

For the next six years, therefore, diplomats expect him to go on trying to restore Egypt to the preeminent position in the Arab world it lost after signing the peace treaty with Israel in 1979. After his welcome at the Islamic conference in Kuwait last week, there are more and more signs he is succeeding.

On Tuesday Mr Tarek Al-Muayyad, the Bahraini Information Minister, arrived to tell the President that the Arab world was now showing that "a desire for change and co-operation really exists with Cairo".

On Wednesday Mr Chazli El-Qallibi, Secretary-General of the Arab League, said in an interview that he had always supported Egypt's return to the League because it represented a force in the Arab world and it was not natural for "this great country" to be excluded from the Arab community.

Egypt played host yesterday to delegations from 45 African and Asian nations meeting to find a way of ending the Gulf War. The Kuwaiti newspaper *El-Arbaa* commented that "Egypt has rejoined the ranks of its Arab partners".

If no other Arab country has yet shown signs of following Jordan's example in restoring diplomatic relations with Cairo, rumours grow that Morocco may soon do so. More practically, it seems that Saudi Arabia has started sending much needed cash to help patch up the tattered Egyptian economy, and wealthy Arabs are returning to Egypt in force for holidays, exotic weddings and business.

At the same time, the President is scrupulously, if coldly, doing as much as is necessary to keep the United States happy that he is honouring the peace treaty with Israel. On Tuesday Mr Essnat Abdel Meguid, the Foreign Minister, had a regular meeting with Mr Moshe Sasson, the Israeli Ambassador. In Jerusalem, officials insist that the atmosphere between the two countries is constantly improving, despite Egypt's continued attempts to keep on good terms with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

❛ Arab world now showing desire exists for change and co-operation with Cairo ❜

While honouring the peace which ensures that American aid continues, the Presider wants to keep his superpow option open. The Soviet Er bassy is increasingly back business. A symposium Egyptian-Soviet dialog opened here yesterday, the Kremlin is being couraged to believe that th is once more a role it can in the area.

President Mubarak's eign policy has so far be delicate balancing act, with another six-year looking assured, he has chance to bring Egypt the cold back to its n place at the centre of the world.

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East Germans dismi Gorbachov reform

Bonn (NYT) — East Germany's communist leadership has given a strong signal that it is not enthusiastic about Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's calls for "openness" and "democratization", and that it does not intend to imitate the Soviet Union's outlined reforms.

Herr Erich Honecker, the East German party chief, and the state-run press have recently praised the country's economic and political system but have avoided mentioning Mr Gorbachov's initiatives.

Departing from custom, the East German press gave only a summary of the Soviet leader's speech to the Communist Party's Central Committee in Moscow last month, rather than printing the full text.

"We do not need to hide our light under a bushel," Herr Honecker told a gathering of party officials in East Berlin last Friday, asserting in a long speech that the country had an "exemplary" economy.

Without once mentioning the Gorbachov programme, Herr Honecker insisted that "socialist democracy" had demonstrated itself to be far superior to its "bourgeois" variant and "did not need to be replaced by anything".

Specialists on East Germany said his emphatic proclamation of success not only betrayed a certain nervousness about the proposed changes in the Soviet Union, but also reflected the self-confidence of a nation that is widely regarded as Moscow's weightiest ally in Eastern Europe.

"When for 10 years one has proclaimed that one has the best system, one cannot suddenly say that one is going to have secret elections because they are doing it in Mo said Frau Ilse Spit editor of the *Deut Archiv* in Cologne.

There has been little tion that the Soviet U dissatisfied with Eas many's tightly run system.

During a visit to East earlier this month, the Foreign Minister, Mr E Shevardnadze, praised Germany's "successes" ing its "achievements have inspired us".

In an interview published on Tuesday by the West German daily *Die Welt*, Mr Valentin Falin, the head of the Novosti press agency and a close adviser of Mr Gorbachov, said that, although Moscow had considered its own "positive and negative experiences", it had no recipe for change that it expected its allies to follow.

The Soviet Governme terday published a setting out the rules which the state monop catering establishments country is to be ende permission granted for restaurants and snack b be run by small co-oper (Christopher Walker from Moscow).

The decree, an essential of the economic reform gramme, also covered setting up of co-operatives producing consumer go and providing consumer s vices. It said that the n groups would be compos mainly of students, hous wives and pensioners. Wor ers from the state labour forc may join, but must keep thei regular jobs.

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Contra crisis of money and morale as rebel chief threatens to resign

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A crisis of morale and money that is threatening the very existence of the Nicaraguan Contras escalated sharply yesterday with an announcement by Señor Arturo Cruz, the rebels' most credible leader, that he plans to resign. The Reagan Administration is working feverishly behind the scenes to persuade him to stay.

The move came amid a highly public and embarrassing row within the State Department over assessments of United States policy in Central America, culminating in the resignation of a leading official who accused Mr Elliot Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America, of "McCarthyism".

The turmoil both within the Administration and the Contras' hierarchy is immensely damaging to the rebels' cause on Capitol Hill, where support for the US-backed war against the Nicaraguan Government is disintegrating rapidly.

The Reagan Administration is gloomy about the prospects of Congress accepting its request for $105 million (£70 million) in rebel aid for the fiscal year beginning this October. It is confident, however, that Congress will not block $40 million that has already been allocated for imminent release.

If Señor Cruz goes, survival prospects for the Contras will be even more bleak. He is the only leader acceptable to most congressmen who have in the past backed the rebels. He believes that political initiatives should be launched, but his moderate policies have been overwhelmed by the militaristic approach of his co-leaders, especially Señor Adolfo Calero, who heads the main insurgent force.

Señor Cruz is a former Sandinista ambassador to Washington who became disillusioned with the revolution. He is one of three members of the Contras' umbrella group, the United Nicaraguan Opposition (UNO), which is on the verge of collapse because of its widespread internal feuding.

Attempts are under way in Miami, where the main rebel leadership is based, to patch together another coalition called the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance.

There is talk of bringing back Señor Edén Pastora, a former Sandinista war hero-turned-rebel who left the insurgency over an internal feud eight months ago. He operated mainly out of Costa Rica and the Reagan Administration found him immensely difficult to deal with. A reorganization plan is due to be discussed by the UNO in Costa Rica later this month.

Mr Abrams said that no single Contra leader had more credibility than Señor Cruz.

"There just isn't anybody who symbolizes the struggle for democracy in Nicaragua more than Arturo Cruz. I hope he does not leave. It would be terrible," he said.

Mr Francis McNeil, one of the State Department's most widely respected Latin America experts and a former ambassador to Costa Rica, this week made public the text of a resignation letter he had sent to Mr Abrams.

He wrote:" I am leaving the foreign service in response to your exercise in McCarthyism. Confusing candour with disloyalty is a disservice to American interests and traditions."

He said in an interview that he had endured the humiliation of a months-long investigation about whether he was a security risk because Mr Abrams had accused him of leaking information to the press.

Dr Royal Durham, aged 92, holding one of two certificates posted to him in 1917 and which took 70 years to arrive, an apparent record. Sent while he was serving in France, they have just been delivered to his New Jersey home. This one promotes him to first lieutenant.

EEC budget row puts research on Aids in jeopardy

From Our Correspondent, Brussels

A squabble over the EEC budget for 1987 last night threatened to postpone spending on a £5.4 million programme for Aids research and for the exchange of medical information on the disease.

There will be no cash for vital programmes of this sort because of a dispute over a tiny fraction — less than two thousandths — of the £25 billion EEC budget.

Also at risk were the hard-won reforms in the farming sector, where compensation to farmers for cuts in milk and beef production could not be met out of EEC funds.

European Community budget minsters started their talks last night faced with a stark choice: either lose spending programmes worth hundreds of millions of pounds or lose face with the European Parliament.

The budget row, which is centred on a figure of £45 million, also threatened multi-million pound spending programmes on the fishing industry, social policy and high-technology research.

It has loomed over the European Community ever since the European Parliament refused to accept a 1987 budget draft set out by EEC budget ministers last year.

Budget ministers have baulked at conceding the argument to the Parliament because EEC law says that the Parliament cannot demand increased outlays without ministerial approval. The quantities involved are small, but the effect on 1987 spending is dramatic.

Without an official budget, the EEC can spend no more each month than one twelfth of all 1986 spending.

Although expenditure can be juggled between different priorities, no money can go to programmes that did not exist last year.

Aids research and many other spending programmes were not budgeted for in 1986, and no expenditure is allowed for them under the monthly "twelfths" system.

The European Parliament and the European Commission have offered a compromise. They argue that the £45 million shortfall should be placed in a so-called "negative reserve". Under the compromise, financial allocations for programmes underspent in 1987 could be written off to the tune of £45 million, thus balancing the budget in the longer term.

But a number of EEC governments have rejected the compromise proposal on principle. They argue that most national exchequers are being forced to adopt severely restricted budgets.

State of emergency

Pretoria figures on detainees attacked

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr Adriaan Vlok, the South African Minister of Law and Order, yesterday tabled in Parliament a list of the names of about 4,000 people who had been detained under the national state of emergency in force since June 12 of last year.

Mr Vlok said that a number of youths were "unfortunately" among the detainees, including three under the age of 12, 18 under the age of 13, 91 under the age of 14, and 169 under the age of 15.

The statement by Mr Vlok brings to roughly 13,300 the number of people Pretoria has admitted detaining under the emergency. The figure was immediately attacked by the opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP) and the Detainees' Parents' Support Committee (DPSC) as incomplete.

Under the Public Safety Act, the Government is required to release to Parliament only the names of people held for 30 days or longer.

Mr Vlok maintained yesterday that, even if people held for less than 30 days were included, the number of emergency detainees since June 12 was still nothing like the the figure of 25,000 estimated by the PFP and the DPSC.

He did not produce any figures to support this statement. Nor did he say how many people were in custody. The PFP and the DPSC reckon that between 5,000 and 10,000 are still in jail, mainly leaders and rank-and-file members of the United Democratic Front.

Mrs Helen Suzman, the PFP's champion of civil liberties, said yesterday that she believed "many thousands" of people had been held for periods of less than 30 days and had been excluded from the Government's figures.

She also made the point that, while South African law defines children as persons under the age of 18, Mr Vlok did not say how many detainees were aged 16 and 17, believed to be one of the largest groups. Nor was it known how many people were being held separately under the Internal Security Act.

Mrs Suzman said:"The whole system of detention without trial, although more particularly when applied to children, is a disgrace to a civilized country, which South Africa purports to be."

Mr Vlok claimed that children as young as 12 had acted as "judges" in "people's courts" in black townships and had sentenced people to death.

He said that young children had taken part in "the public burning of live people by way of, for instance, the so-called necklace method".

The "necklace" is township jargon for a petrol-filled rubber tyre, placed round the victim's neck and set alight.

Whey row curdles Germany

Bonn — West Germany's contaminated milk powder scandal took a new twist yesterday when Herr Walter Wallmann, the Environment Minister, disclosed that another 2,000 tonnes of radioactive powdered whey, in addition to 5,000 tonnes sent to army depots on Wednesday, was stored in Bavaria (John England writes).

The Greens Party in Bonn said it may demand an investigation into payment of £1.3 million compensation to the Bavarian dairy firm that made the powder from radioactive milk after the Chernobyl catastrophe.

Nun captured

Lisbon (AFP) — Rebels of the Mozambique National Resistance Movement, or Renamo, kidnapped Sister Gabriela Cardoso, a Portuguese nun and wounded two other foreign church workers in an ambush in the north.

Four missing

St Denis (Reuter) — Four people were reported missing on the Indian Ocean island of Réunion which has been battered by high winds and torrential rain.

Death dance

Bangkok (AFP) — Five people were killed and 53 wounded when a hand grenade was hurled onto a crowded dance stage at a Buddhist temple fair in north-eastern Thailand.

Invisible art

Milan (Reuter) — Officials at Milan's Brera art gallery admitted that a Modigliani painting worth nearly £1 million had been stolen without their noticing.

Sikhs fool police in £3m raid

**From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi**

Sikh terrorists got away with 57 million rupees (£3 million) — the largest cash haul ever made in a robbery in independent India — when they fooled police yesterday and looted a bank in the industrial town of Ludhiana in the troubled north Indian state of Punjab.

The robbers — some disguised as policemen — telephoned police to say that there had been a robbery in another bank some distance away, then had a clear run as the police went in the wrong direction.

Fifteen terrorists, some wearing police uniforms, went to a branch of the Punjab National Bank and began checking weapons and ammunition of policemen there.

They took rifles and 250 rounds from the two guards before taking the cash from a store maintained in the bank by the Reserve Bank of India, and escaping in a van.

Meanwhile, the beleaguered Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, received some support from colleagues as several members of his party, the Akali Dal, appealed to the five Sikh high priests to reconsider their decision to excommunicate him.

Statements from Akali groups around the state indicated that a movement of hostility towards the action of the high priests was building up, and that it was possible that Sikhs would not tolerate extremist attempts against the elected government.

But Mr Balwant Singh, the state Finance Minister said intellectuals and theologians should now try to find a way out of the mess.

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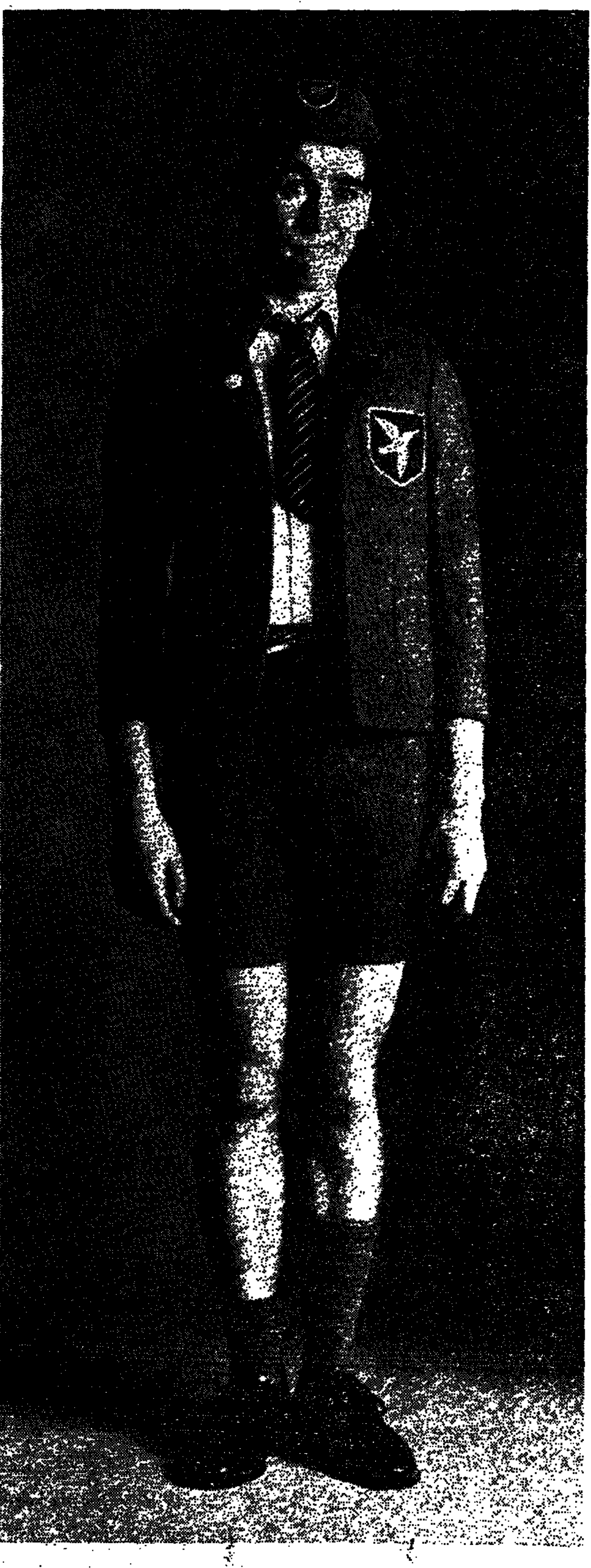

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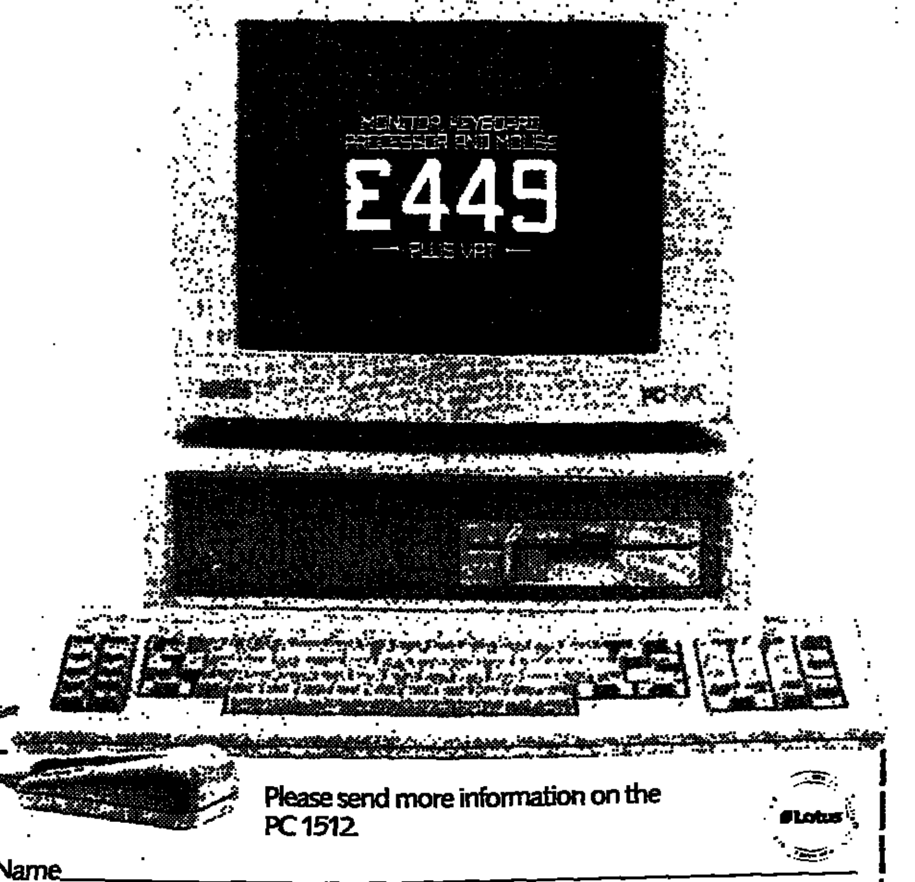

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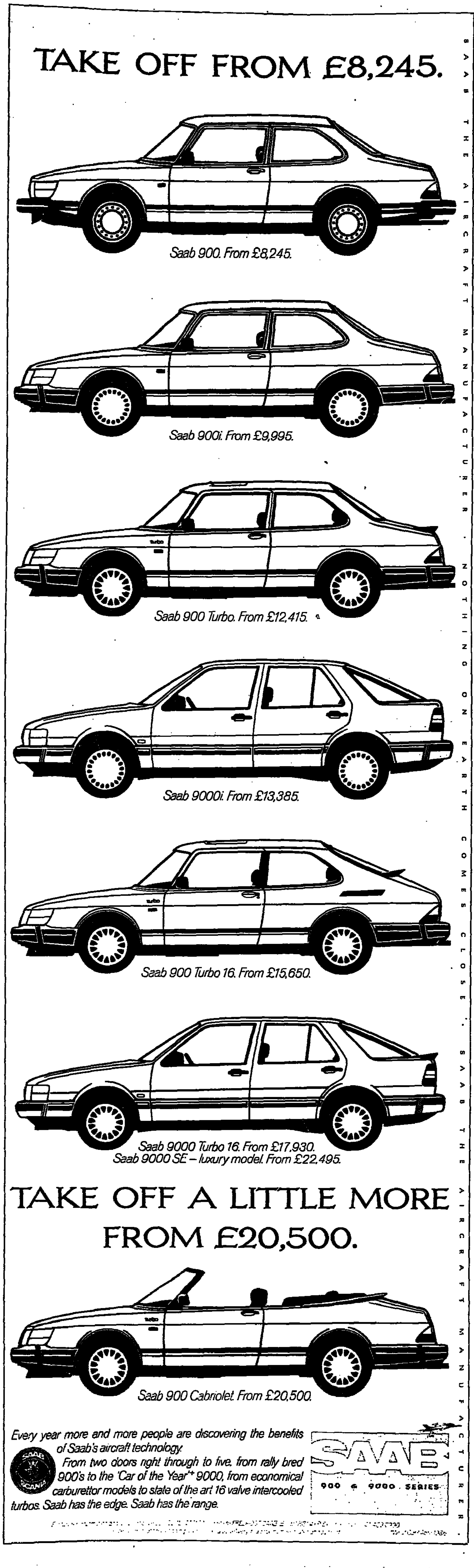

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Actor tries to rebuild UN image

The actor Kris Kristofferson (left) being made up for a press conference after taping a public service announcement for the United Nations intended to offset the negative image of UN peacekeepers given in the television mini-series *Amerika*, in which he starred.

In *Amerika*, UN peacekeepers are portrayed as the paramilitary arm of the Soviet occupiers of America and are shown as rapists and marauders (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes from New York).

The 30-second announcement, being distributed to the main US television networks, has Mr Kristofferson praising the UN's record and paying tribute to the 700 UN soldiers who "have given their lives in the cause of peace".

Criticism of the film brought accusations against the ABC television network of everything from promoting right-wing propaganda to treating the invading Russians in the film too sympathetically.

Chinese are urged to rein in students

From Robert Grieves
Peking

Mr Deng Liqun, one of China's senior ideologues and a former Communist Party propaganda chief, yesterday called on citizens to persuade students in their neighbourhoods to concentrate on their studies and preserve social stability.

University students across China are enjoying the last week of their month-long break. There has been widespread speculation in Peking and other large cities that, while at home, the students have been comparing notes with friends from other universities.

It is feared that further student demonstrations, similar to those that swept China in December and early January, could occur this spring.

In a lengthy speech made to social workers and Communist Youth League members, and published in leading newspapers and broadcast on Peking radio yesterday, Mr Deng said that such demonstrations "if not handled well" would "influence the social order and stability and unity of the country".

"If the political situation of stability and unity is undermined, no one will be in the mood to carry out construction and there will be no hope for the country to get rid of the situation of poverty and backwardness."

Mr Wang Xijue, a Taiwanese airline captain who defected to China in May, has been elected to the sixth central committee of the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee, which split from the mainstream Kuomintang in 1948 and is now one of several obscure political groups here (AFP reports from Peking).

Mr Deng, Mao Tse-tung's secretary when party leaders were gathered in the Yenan caves in the 1930s, was the party's propaganda chief from March 1982 until he was dismissed after the end of his "anti-spiritual pollution campaign" in 1983.

That six-month campaign, which lasted six months, attacked things Western, such as disco music, provocative female clothing and make-up, and consumerism.

It is feared in some Chinese circles that Mr Deng's influence may be rising again within the party.

He strongly linked education with "ideological work", and said that students at all levels must learn party ideology.

● **Standard set:** Mr Ma Yuzhen, director of the information department of the Foreign Ministry, has told foreign correspondents working in China that there should be no mistake about what the Government believes is "acceptable behaviour" by them.

He asked if it was "acceptable" for photographs to be taken in a restricted military area or for "confidential information of the state" to be collected "by means of money or other unlawful means".

Mr Ma was speaking in response to a Western reporter's question concerning the expulsion on January 30 of Mr Lawrence MacDonald, an American journalist who worked for the French news agency, Agence France-Presse, in Peking, for allegedly receiving "confidential information" from a university student in the port city of Tianjin in December.

Mr Ma apparently referred, in his first example, to the case of Mr John Burns, a *New York Times* correspondent expelled in July for travelling in a restricted military zone without authorization. The second example apparently referred to Mr MacDonald.

Asked if he meant that Mr MacDonald was accused of having bribed students for information, Mr Ma would not comment further.

Canadian Tories slide to third place amid corruption allegations

From John Best, Ottawa

A public opinion survey that has just been published here has brought bitter news for Mr Brian Mulroney's Conservative Government, already battered by a recent series of scandals and misadventures.

The survey by Angus Reid Associates shows the Tories with the support of only 23 per cent of decided voters. They are running third behind the Liberals, currently the official Opposition, and the New Democrats, a socialist party. The Liberals have 42 per cent and the New Democrats 33 – 10 per cent more than the ruling Conservatives.

The level of support for the Tories is believed the lowest ever recorded for a Canadian party in power, and reflects the massive disenchantment growing among voters with a Government that seems incapable of staying out of trouble.

Since it ousted the Liberals in a landslide election victory in September 1984 – taking 211 of 282 Commons seats – the Tory party has lost more than half its support, tumbling from its former 50 per cent of the popular vote.

A variety of misfortunes has hit the Tories in recent weeks, many of them corruption-tinted. On the same day as the latest poll was published, it was revealed that the police were investigating allegations that a Cabinet minister's aide had warned a consultant that he would not receive a government contract unless he handed over money for the Tory treasury. He did contribute, and duly got the contract.

Reports the same day told of another contract that had been steered to a business with Tory party connections – even though a competitor's business, run by a well-known Liberal, had submitted a lower tender.

Just a few days earlier, Mr Mulroney, the Prime Minister was himself the target of charges that, in 1985, he personally intervened in a lawsuit in which his senior adviser, Mr Fred Doucet, was the defendant. His effort to get the action stopped was unsuccessful.

Mr Mulroney's response was to reject the reports as "speculation, unfounded rumours and unproven allegations".

Still simmering away in the background is the so-called "Oerlikon affair", in which the Swiss arms manufacturer, Oerlikon Buhle, was charged nearly $C3 million (£1.5 million) for 100 acres of land at Saint-Jean, Quebec, which only 11 days earlier had sold for a third of that amount.

Mr Mulroney: dismissed "unfounded rumours".

Three months after the transaction was made, the Swiss company was awarded a billion-dollar contract to build an anti-aircraft system for the Canadian Forces.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are investigating whether there was any criminal action in the series of ownership changes that drove up the value of the land, and a junior minister has already been fired from the Cabinet.

Meanwhile, Mr Mulroney's Government continues to be hammered by the Commons opposition over an agreement with France which gives French fishing trawlers generous allotments of fish off Canada's east coast in return for an agreement by Paris to submit a maritime boundary dispute to international arbitration.

The issue has kept the daily Commons question period at the edge of turmoil for nearly three weeks, with opposition MPs reputedly accusing the Conservatives of a sell-out.

The opinion poll shows that six out of 10 voters want a full public inquiry into the Oerlikon affair, and that 54 per cent disapprove of the France-Canada fishing agreement.

Mr Mulroney fares even worse – 60 per cent of voters disapprove of his performance as Prime Minister, while only 25 per cent approve, according to the poll.

One of the most striking features of the survey is the growing strength that it portrays for the New Democratic Party (NDP), which has pledged to take Canada out of Nato should it ever gain power.

The New Democrats have been running second behind the Liberals for several months, but many political observers expected that they would have reverted by now to their traditional third-place fringe spot.

Instead, the NDP have gained 6 percentage points at the expense of the Tories since the beginning of the year. Contributing factors to their are believed to be widespread voter disillusionment with the two established parties and widespread respect for the NDP's 50-year-old leader, Mr Ed Broadbent, who has cultivated an image of statesmanship and moderation.

Philippine left seeks US atom ban

From David Watts, Manila

Left-wing groups are starting a new campaign to have American nuclear weapons banned from the Philippines.

Led by the Campaign for a Sovereign Philippines, **the protest starts today with a motorcade to Clark Air Base, north of Manila, which is considered one of the United States' most important foreign military installations. When they reach the base, the protesters will demand access to any nuclear weapons there and serve the military with an eviction order for 1991, when the present agreement ends.**

The left is taking its cue from a provision in the country's new constitution, approved last week, which provides for a nuclear-free Philippines.

The constitution states: "The Philippines, consistent with the national interest, adopts and pursues a policy of freedom from nuclear weapons in its territory."

The military bases agreement obliges the US Government to inform Manila about the weapons systems deployed at the bases. The left is likely to try to put pressure on the Aquino Government to disclose whether nuclear weapons are among them.

In an interview, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the former Defence Minister, who served in that position for most of the Marcos era, said during that period it was well understood that the US brought nuclear weapons into its bases on board aircraft and vessels at Subic Bay and Clark, but none was ever stored there.

Mr Enrile, a Harvard-trained lawyer, said that, because of the way the new constitution was framed, there was no ambiguity about the drafters' intention to ban nuclear weapons.

The bases are irreplaceable, in the view of US military men, because as logistics centres they allow American military power to be projected throughout the Pacific, the Indian Ocean and up to the Gulf. They would also be virtually impossible to replace anywhere else in the region.

Mr Stephen Bosworth, the American Ambassador, said in a recent television interview that he did not think the nuclear-free clause would become an issue.

President Aquino has said that she will review the bases agreement at the time of its expiry and has not committed herself one way or the other.

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No participation in abortion

Regina v Salford Health Authority, Ex parte Janaway
Before Mr Justice Nolan
[Judgment February 12]

A medical receptionist employed at a health centre who refused to type doctors' letters referring patients for abortions and who was dismissed for refusing to carry out her duties, was not entitled to the protection of the conscientious objection clause contained in section 4(1) of the Abortion Act 1967 because she was not "participating" in treatment for termination of pregnancy in hospital within the meaning of the Act.

Mr Justice Nolan in the Queen's Bench Division accordingly dismissed an application by Mrs Barbara Janaway for judicial review to quash the decision of the Salford Health Authority on February 6, 1985, ratifying the decision of an internal appeal tribunal on January 17, 1985 that she had been properly dismissed from her employment with the health authority for misconduct.

His Lordship also refused Mrs Janaway's application for a declarations, *inter alia*, that in the circumstances the typing of correspondence concerned with the termination of pregnancies constituted participation in treatment authorized by the 1967 Act; and that by reason of her conscientious objection to typing such correspondence, she was under no duty, by contract or otherwise, to carry out the work.

Section 4(1) of the 1967 Act provides: "... no person shall be under any duty, whether by contract or by any statutory or other legal requirement, to participate in any treatment authorized by this Act to which he has a conscientious objection".

Mr Gerard Wright, QC and Mr Patrick Field for the applicant; Mr John Rowe, QC and Mr Geoffrey Tattersall for the health authority.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said that on June 25, 1984, the applicant became employed by the health authority as a medical receptionist at Irlam Health Centre, Manchester. Her duties included typing correspondence for the doctors at the centre.

On September 11, 1984, she became aware for the first time that those duties included the typing of letters of referral of patients for treatment for the termination of pregnancies.

The applicant, who was a practising Roman Catholic with a strong moral objection to participating in any step necessary to abortion, refused to type such letters.

The health authority considered that section 4(1) applied only to persons with direct clinical responsibility for patients, that it did not apply in the case of the applicant and that her refusal was therefore unjustified. The applicant was accordingly dismissed for misconduct.

The solution to the present case was to be found in the proper construction of the words "participate in ... treatment" in section 4(1).

The "treatment" there referred to was that described in section 1(3) and (4), namely, treatment by a registered medical practitioner for the termination of pregnancy in a hospital.

The word "participate" was not to be construed according to its wide meaning in criminal law, but had to be approached without preconception and considered according to its ordinary meaning of "taking part in".

As a matter of plain English it was impossible to regard a receptionist typing a letter of referral as taking part in the subsequent treatment of the patient in hospital.

That was not to say that his Lordship accepted the proposition of the health authority in a letter to the applicant on November 11, 1984 that the protection of section 4(1) was only afforded to those having direct clinical responsibility for the patient, or that the protection only extended to doctors, nurses and para-medical staff.

The protection extended to all those taking part in the team effort: see *Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom v Department of Health and Social Security* ([1981] AC 800, 828).

Solicitors: Clifford Poole & Co, Salford; Mr E. G. Jones, Manchester.

Exclusive possession a matter of fact

Brooker Settled Estates Ltd v Ayers
Before Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Nicholls
[Judgment February 12]

Where it was found as a fact that the occupier of property was not a lodger in that the landlord did not provide attendance or services, it did not necessarily follow that there was exclusive possession giving rise to a tenancy. Exclusive possession was a question of fact in each case and had to be decided by reviewing the evidence

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the plaintiff landlord, Brooker Settled Estates Ltd, from a decision of Judge Birks who, sitting at Brentford County Court on June 6, 1986, gave judgment for the defendant, Bridget Louise Ayers.

Mr Robert Thoresby for the plaintiff; the defendant did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that the plaintiff was landlord of a furnished flat at 18 Agnes Road, Acton, London. The flat had its own entrance and consisted of one double bedroom, two single bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom.

The defendant occupied the double bedroom. The plaintiff claimed that the defendant was a licensee by a written agreement and had broken a term of that licence. Therefore the plaintiff claimed possession.

The defendant said she was in occupation under an oral agreement and was a tenant protected by the Rent Acts. She claimed a declaration to that effect.

The judge found in favour of the defendant and made the declaration sought. The defendant had instructed her solicitors not to oppose the present appeal, the reason being that she wanted to leave the flat and get other accommodation and thought she might be helped in that search if she was not a protected tenant.

It did not follow that for that reason the court could allow the appeal, and the plaintiffs had to establish proper grounds for interfering with the judge's decision.

There was no contested argument but his Lordship had come to the conclusion that the judge's decision was wrong.

The plaintiff ran the flat and two others to provide accommodation for single women working in London. There was a standard form of agreement which the occupants of the flats entered into.

It "licensed" the occupiers of the rooms to occupy the whole flat but there was no exclusive occupation of any part.

There was a standard term requiring each occupant to behave reasonably towards other occupants and there was also a term that no child should be in the premises.

In 1982 the flat was advertised saying "Flat to share ... with two other ... girls". The defendant applied and met Mr Brooker who showed her the room and explained the terms.

The defendant agreed to move in and the terms of the agreement were set out in a letter from the plaintiff stating, *inter alia*, that the defendant was permitted to occupy the master bedroom as "licensee and to share the other facilities with the existing occupants and with those who from time to time we may introduce".

The following year the defendant signed a licence agreement. Before the judge the case was decided by an examination of the facts against the judgment of the House of Lords in *Street v Mountford* ([1985] AC 809).

The plaintiff's case was that the defendant was not given exclusive possession because (1) the landlord had reserved the right to put another person into the double bedroom and (2) all the occupants of the flats had the right of access to all parts of the flat. Therefore it was argued that the defendant was not a tenant because she had not got exclusive possession.

The judge relied on the speech of Lord Templeman in *Street*'s case at pp817-818 where he said: "An occupier of residential accommodation at a rent for a term is either a lodger or a tenant. The occupier is a lodger if the landlord provides attendance or services ... if, on the other hand residential accommodation is granted for a term at a rent with exclusive possession, the landlord providing neither attendance nor services, the grant is a tenancy."

The judge held that the defendant was not provided with attendance or services and therefore she must have had exclusive possession of the room. Therefore she was not a lodger and was a tenant.

The judge had fallen into error. There was a sharp distinction between the present case and *Street*'s case. In *Street*'s case it was conceded that the occupier was not a lodger. It was said that there could not be a tenancy unless the occupier enjoyed exclusive possession Lord Templeman recognized that each case had to be looked at on its own facts.

The judge having asked himself the right question as to whether there was exclusive possession erred in saying that since the defendant was not a lodger she must have exclusive possession.

From the facts of the case and the note of evidence before them his Lordship was unable to come to a conclusion as to exclusive posession. It was for the judge to decide from the evidence what conclusion he should come to and accordingly a new trial was ordered.

Lord Justice Nicholls agreed.

Solicitors: Fairchild Greig & Co, Acton.

Re-possessing hire purchase car

Chartered Trust plc v Pitcher
Before Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Nourse
[Judgment February 12]

Where a finance company repossessed under a hire purchase agreement goods protected under section 33(1) of the Hire Purchase Act 1965 otherwise than by action, that constituted a contravention of section 34(1) if the hirer had not given an unqualified and informed consent to re-possession. But such recovery would be permissible if it did not amount to "enforcing any right" within the section.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, dismissed an appeal by Chartered Trust plc from an order of Judge Coulson at Huntingdon County Court, dated April 7, 1986, whereby the judge dismissed a claim for £2,451 made by Chartered Trust against Mr R. J. Pitcher being the balance due from Mr Pitcher under a hire purchase agreement dated October 10, 1982, in respect of a Ford Granada car.

Section 33(1) of the 1965 Act defined "protected goods" as goods let under a hire purchase agreement, of which one third of the hire purchase price had been paid and when the hirer had not terminated the agreement.

Mr Andrew Green for Chartered Trust; Mr David Matthias for Mr Pitcher.

LORD JUSTICE KERR said that it was clear that if there was unqualified and informed consent by Mr Pitcher to the collection of the car by Chartered Trust, then there could be no question of a breach of section 34(1).

The section was penal in its consequences and it was obviously impossible to conclude that if a finance company recovered possession with the unqualified and informed consent of the hirer it was "enforcing a right", that is, a right conferred by the hirer's consent.

The issue turned on the effect of the word "enforce". That implied action which was not consensual, but to some extent coercive.

The judge held that the recovery of the car was not consensual because Mr Pitcher's consent to it was not "informed consent". On the facts, the circumstances in which possession of the car was recovered by Chartered Trust showed that its recovery was not on a merely consensual basis so far as Mr Pitcher was concerned.

The recovery which was made was sufficiently coercive to amount to an enforcement of a right otherwise than by action and that contravened section 34(1).

It was never Mr Pitcher's wish that Chartered Trust should simply take the car back. He did not intend to exercise the option to terminate the agreement. What he really wanted was to keep the car on the basis of some re-arrangement of his financial obligations.

The court had power to make an order to that effect under section 35 although Mr Pitcher did not know that.

Lord Justice Nourse agreed.

Solicitors: Silvermand Sherliker & Co for Pillips & Buck, Cardiff; L. Bingham & Co for Serjeant & Son, Huntingdon.

Arbitration contract terms final

Regina v Liverpool Cotton Association, Ex parte Cotton Corporation of India

Where the terms of a contract incorporated the rules of procedure of an arbitral body, and those rules did not allow for the extensions of time for appealing against a technical arbitration award made by arbitrators appointed under those rules, the High Court was not entitled to imply or read into the rules a power to grant an extension of time.

Mr Justice Taylor so held in the Queen's Bench Division on February 5 when he dismissed an application for a declaration that the directors of the Liverpool Cotton Association had an inherent power to extend time for making an appeal where an aggrieved party could show that it was reasonable so to do. His Lordship, pursuant to Order 53, rule 9(5) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, had allowed an application for the matter to proceed as if it was an action begun by writ.

MR JUSTICE TAYLOR said that the present case was not distinguishable from *Amalgamated Metal Corporation Ltd v Khoon Seng Co* ([1977] 2 Lloyd's Rep 310) where the House of Lords refused to allow waiver or dispensation of the rules of the London Metal Exchange which were incorporated into the parties' contract ((see *per* Lord Fraser of Tullybelton at p 317).

Although the outcome was hard on the applicants, much of the commercial advantages of the procedure of arbitration, such as speed, certainty and finality, might be lost if the directors had the power to extend the time of making appeals.

Company is entitled to know for whom bank holds its shares

In re Geers Gross plc
Before Mr Justice Vinelott
[Judgment February 10]

A holder of shares in a public company whom the company had asked to supply information regarding the beneficial ownership of those shares and against whom an order had been made imposing restrictions on the shares under section 216 of the Companies Act 1985 could not obtain the lifting of those restrictions merely by the expedient of undertaking to sell them on the open market.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division dismissing a motion by SM Nominees Ltd and Guyerzeller Bank AG, Zurich, for an order that 450,000 shares in the company should no longer be subject to restrictions on transfer.

Mr Robin Potts, QC and Mr Mark Hapgood for the applicants; Mr Gavin Lightman, QC and Miss Catherine Newman for the company.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that the company had an issued share capital of about 15 million shares. In September 1985 SM purchased 450,000 shares representing about 3 per cent and held them to the order of the Zurich bank.

On June 11, 1986 the company served a notice under section 212 of the 1985 Act on SM requiring them to disclose who was the beneficial owner.

On June 23 they replied that they held them to the order of the bank.

On November 17 the company served a similar notice on the bank. The bank replied that they could not disclose that information because of Swiss banking confidentiality law.

On November 28 the company obtained *ex parte* under section 216(1) of the 1985 Act an order imposing the restriction in Part 15 of the Act relating to share transfers, share issues, voting and payments of money in respect of the shares. The applicants now sought to have those restrictions lifted.

Section 456(3) of the 1985 Act provided that the restrictions *might* be released in two circumstances: (1) if the court was satisfied that the relevant facts about the shares had been disclosed to the company or (2) if the shares were to be sold and the court approved the sale.

SM argued that the legislation contemplated that a shareholder might either disclose information or apply to the court to permit a sale on the open market. That argument identified the mischief to which the legislation was directed as merely being the building up of holdings in respect of which the beneficial ownership was concealed.

Accordingly, they submitted, it was possible to escape the restriction either by disclosure or by putting the shares back into commerce; for if the shares were put back into commerce the order had served its purpose.

His Lordship held that that was far too narrow an approach. Section 212 gave a public company a right to know who was the beneficial owner of its shares not just at the date of the request for information but also in respect of a period three years previously.

A company might have a legitimate concern to know what dealings had taken place during such preceding period. To permit the holder to dispose of his shares without giving that information would frustrate the purpose of the legislation which was to enable the company to obtain that information.

In the circumstances the restrictions should continue in force in respect of the entire holdig of 450,000 shares including two lots of 20,000 shares which the bank had contracted to sell in November prior to its receipt of the notice requesting information.

The fact that innocent purchasers might thereby be prevented from obtaining title to the shares was not sufficient to weigh the balance against maintaining the restrictions and securing the right of the company to the requested information.

Solicitors: Mr R. Adam H. Webb; Franks Charlesly & Co.

Insurance exemption for policeman on duty

Jones v Chief Constable of Bedfordshire

A police officer on duty using his own motor vehicle for police purposes and not covered by his own third-party insurance was covered by the exemption from the requirement of third-party insurance as provided in section 144(2)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, on its plain and ordinary meaning.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Schiemann) so held on February 10 when allowing the defendant's appeal from his conviction by Luton Justices on August 5, 1986, of driving without insurance contrary to section 143 of the 1972 Act. The justices fined the defendant, a police constable acting under orders at the relevant time, £100 and endorsed his licence with four penalty points.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the justices had not suggested what section 144(2)(b) meant but had concluded it could not sensibly mean that police officers were not obliged to have insurance to use their own vehicles while on duty. It was quite clear that if the vehicle was being driven for police purposes, section 144(2)(b) applied.

Although the justices might have been concerned that if an accident resulted while a police officer was driving on duty and serious injuries resulted for which there would be no insurance policy to compensate, in his Lordship's view, if the officer was driving for police purposes he was driving on the instructions of superior officers and the police authority would be vicariously liable in respect of any allegations of negligent driving.

Corrections

In *In re Warrington Inc's Application* (*The Times* February 9) the second reference to *Powell*'s case should have been ((1893) 11 RPC 4) and to *Apollinaris* ((1890) 8 RPC 137, 162).

In *Thompson v T. Lohan (Plant Hire) Ltd* (*The Times* February 12) the fourth paragraph of our summary of Lord Justice Fox's judgment should have read: "Lohan had hired an excavator to Hurdiss ...".

Marconi, Marie Curie, Gustav Dalén, Henry Ford. Who's the odd one out?

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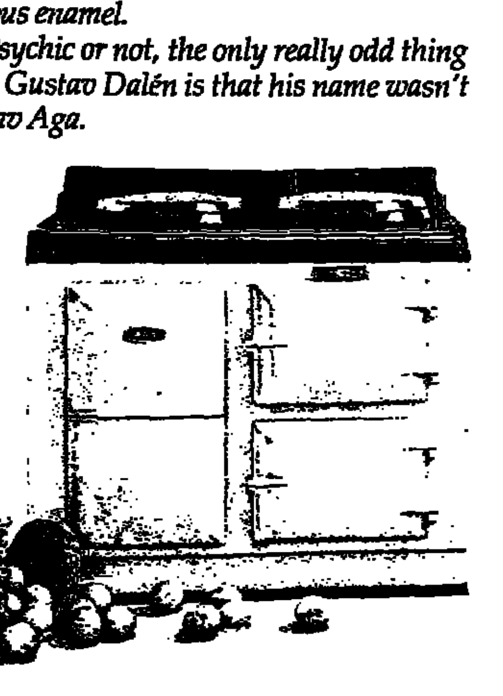

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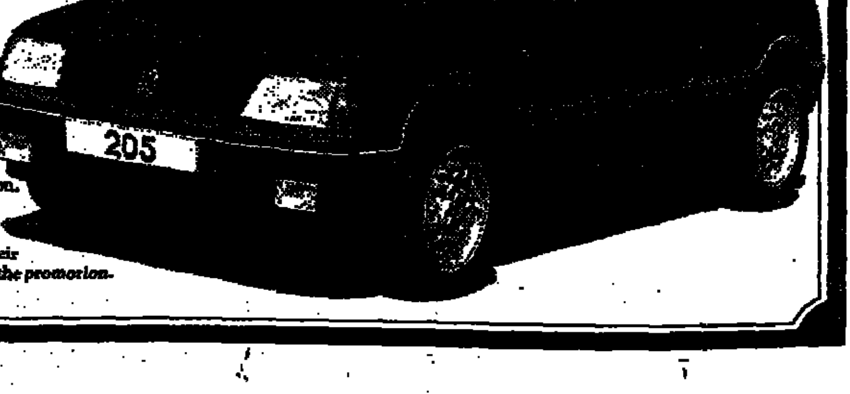

The great antiquities tax scandal

It was Dr Jiri Frel's ambition at the Getty Museum to amass the best collection of antiquities in the world – but he did it at the taxpayer's expense, to the tune of millions of dollars. **Geraldine Norman and Thomas Hoving** explain how he went about it

It took the Getty Museum in California two days this week to compose a reply to our suggestion that Dr Jiri Frel, the museum's former curator of antiquities, had built his collection there by encouraging tax avoidance running into millions of dollars. But it had taken the museum almost six months to take action after Frel's activities were first suspected. And it had been another two years before he finally resigned.

It was on Wednesday that the museum told us that Frel, 65, a charming, anarchic, scholarly Czech who defected to the West while on a year's fellowship at Princeton in 1971, had been relieved of "all curatorial duties" as a result of "serious violations of the museum's policies and rules regarding donations to the antiquities collection".

The admission came after the museum had pondered for 48 hours our suggestion that Dr Frel had attracted tax deductible donations valued at more than $14 million by offering to arrange massive over-valuations for tax purposes on behalf of 50 or more donors over a 10-year period.

A collaboration between *The Times* and Thomas Hoving, editor-in-chief of the New York *Connoisseur* magazine, stretching over several months, has revealed that in August 1983, John Walsh, then the Getty's director-designate, was told of Frel's activities. The museum says it conducted a six-month inquiry at the end of which he left the country on full pay.

The museum said that the donation practices were uncovered by the associate curator of antiquities, Arthur Houghton III, in August 1983. They requested him to obtain further information and when it was provided in December 1983 it was found "sufficient to warrant an extensive investigation which involved outside counsel". There was no evidence of personal financial gain on Frel's part, they said. He had resigned in December 1986.

Frel became curator of antiquities at the Getty in 1973. His ambition was to build a spectacular collection fast. Not content with purchases which the board had to vote upon, he began to encourage donations which went through on the nod. And he did it on an unheard of scale.

Between his arrival at the museum in 1973 and May 1984 when he left for Paris over 100 donors contributed 6,453 items valued, according to the museum tax return, at $14,441,228. In contrast, over the same period the museum received donations of paintings worth $566,000, of photographs worth $454,000 and decorative arts worth $86,520. And over the period from 1967 to 1977 the Metropolitan Museum, with 22 curatorial departments and 80 curators, generated gifts of objects worth just under $6m.

Frel charmed his donors in a number of different ways, including offering tax avoidance opportunities. An American tax payer can deduct the value of charitable donations from his gross income before his tax liability is calculated. The larger the appraised value of a donation, the less tax he pays.

According to one donor, however, Frel was prepared to provide appraisals four and a half times higher than the purchase price. At that level a donor in the 60 per cent tax bracket makes a clear profit on the deal equivalent to slightly more than he paid for the object in the first place.

Frel often explained how in Paul Getty's lifetime he was not allowed to buy vases and other ceramics since the old man was not interested in them. After Getty's death, the museum trustees were interested mainly in major acquisitions, while Frel's ambition was to form a large study collection of minor items. The only way of increasing the collection was by encouraging donations.

Illicit excavations in Italy, Turkey and elsewhere in Southern Europe mean that vase fragments and damaged sculptures are available in large quantities. The smugglers generally channel this material through Geneva, Zurich and Lugano: Switzerland acts as a world entrepot centre for antiquities.

Bruce McNall, proprietor of the Summa Galleries in Beverley Hills, who worked closely with Frel in his early days at the museum, states that Frel had crates of archaeological material shipped from Switzerland to the Summa Galleries which was then made available to donors. After a while McNall became impatient with the material cluttering his gallery and requested Frel to have it shipped elsewhere. He believes that material was subsequently shipped direct to the museum.

McNall says he helped Frel in the hope of doing business with the dollar-rich museum. Instead, Frel took advantage of McNall's ability to introduce him to wealthy locals he could woo as donors. "He was hungry for introductions", says McNall.

One of the chief appraisers was Jerome Eisenberg, whose Royal Athena Gallery is the second major antiquities supplier of Los Angeles. Eisenberg is now worried that his friendly assistance may have been abused. "I made many valuations for him", he admits. "Sometimes when he was in a hurry I would give him appraisals over the telephone and allow him to sign my name to them, though I only did this when I had seen the material or had photographs."

Photographs: The Los Angeles Times

Dr Jiri Frel: offered donors massive tax avoidance opportunities

Some of the donors may never even have seen the vases, statues and bronzes that they were kind enough to donate. The biggest donor of all was Gordon McLendon, a Texas millionaire with a chain of newspapers and radio stations. Between 1976 and 1978 his gifts to the museum were worth $2,144,550, according to the museum's records.

His son Bart was surprised at the idea of his late father as a connoisseur. "He knew nothing about art", he exclaimed. "He wouldn't even have known how to spell it – and it's not a very long word."

Other big donors included Seymour Weintraub, a Californian film and television producer, who gave $978,150; Stefan Horniak, another Californian ($869,800); and Vasek Polak, a car dealer ($746,500).

The Internal Revenue Service, when they received tax returns from individual donors, sometimes challenged Frel's valuations, drastically reducing them. Dietrich von Bothmer, curator of Greek and Roman art at the Metropolitan Museum, was one of the authorities they consulted. He pointed out that the Greek vase by the Kleophrades painter donated by McLendon at $100,000 had been for sale in Switzerland at $35,000 a matter of weeks before.

Several of the donors were similarly caught out by IRS spot checks. Mr Alan Salke, a Virginia shoe manufacturer, had a $300,000 valuation on a red figure cup by Phintias which was reduced by the IRS to $90,000. "It cost me a bloody fortune", he said. Salke's total donations to the Getty were worth $352,000.

Frel is reputed to have made little secret of what he was doing, boasting of his achievements when he was in sunny mood. Until 1976 the museum had a tiny staff; it was not until 1981 that new staff began to be recruited to reflect its new status as the richest museum in the world. They began to notice the irregularities in Frel's activities, but for a long time the museum was without a director and they had no one to report to.

In August 1983, John Walsh, the expert on seventeenth century Dutch painting from Boston who finally got the job, was told of Frel's activities. The museum did not take action for another six months though they claim to have undertaken extensive inquiries.

Harold Williams, President of the Getty Trust, reported to the board on Frel in April 1984. Frel left for Paris a few days later and the museum discontinued the acceptance of donated antiquities. They appear to have taken legal opinion and to have been assured that these two moves placed the museum within the law.

It seems inevitable that their reading of the legal issues will be challenged in the weeks ahead. The Internal Revenue Service in Washington confirms that it was not informed of the tax irregularities uncovered at the museum. Moreover, Frel was not sacked. Over the following year the museum described him as 'on sabbatical'. On July 1, 1985 he was appointed research curator and remained on the museum payroll, though resident in Paris.

The affair would probably never have come to light if the American tax laws had not required all private foundations to file a public information memorandum once a year detailing donations worth more than $5,000. The extraordinary lists of antiquities donated to the Getty were gathering dust in the files of the Foundation Center in New York, where we found them.

The lists needed careful interpretation. They include donations from genuine collectors who were happy to take advantage of the appraisal system run by Frel, and collectors who used their own appraisers and donated at fair market prices. But the majority of donations appear to have been made solely for tax purposes.

Frel was not to be found in his handsome eighteenth century apartment building on the outskirts of Paris last week. He had removed his name from the apartment list on the ground floor in the course of the previous week. Parked in the drive was his brand new Saab Turbo Commander with Swiss number plates – and an Italian autostrada sticker on the windscreen. Frel is clearly still busy on the antiquities trails of Europe.

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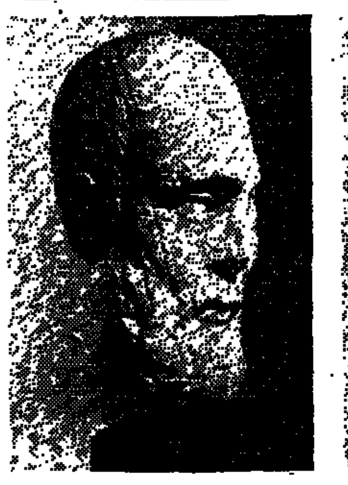
GETTY ACQUISITIONS: ART AT INFLATED PRICES



Roman bust of Kleanthes, sold at Christie's, London, on June 14, 1978, for £440 and given anonymously to the Getty in November 1979.
Frel's evaluation: $45,000

One of two fragments of a Roman marble sarcophagus, sold at Sotheby's, London, in April 1978 for £2,350 and given to the Getty on August 30, 1978.
Frel's evaluation: $40,000.

Greek *alabastron* in shape of a female figure sold at Christie's, London in November 1977 for £2,100, and given by Bruce McNull to the Getty in 1978.
Frel's valuation: $20,000

A millionaire takes an interest

The Getty Museum has received a large number of phone calls from anxious donors over the last few weeks as we pursued our inquiries. The museum is the dominant presence in California's art scene and its friends appear to have been anxiously pondering the implications of a major art scandal.

But the most bizarre turn of events came two months ago when Thomas Hoving received a telephone call from Mr Norton Simon, the millionaire *industrialist* and art collector, in the course of which Mr Simon suggested that he might like to purchase *Connoisseur* magazine, owned since 1926 by the Hearst Corporation, and move it to California. In a second phone call Mr Simon suggested that Hoving, the magazine's editor-in-chief, come to the west coast for a "mutually constructive talk with a common end in mind for a joint enterprise that would be highly productive for both our objectives".

In a final contact on Monday of this week Mr Simon said "I'm trying to work a deal with you" and ranged over possibilities for linking the interests of Hoving, the Getty Museum and himself. "If I go to Harold Williams [president of the Getty Trust] and say so, he'll support it." He pointed out that the Getty Museum had "got a few million dollars" but might never be able to get an Old Master collection together "except through us". Mr Simon's personal collection, housed in a private museum in Pasadena, California, is the finest formed in America since the war. Discussions about its possible acquisition by the Getty have been mooted for some time and there have been two important joint purchases.

Norton Simon: surprise bid

In Monday's telephone conversation Simon spoke of John Walsh, the present director of the Getty, as being "in opposition" to Hoving and of Hoving becoming "the head guy".

He stressed that Harold Williams, a former chief executive of the Simon Corporation, could not run the whole Getty without delegation.

Will the third force be with you..?

London's police are soon to get a crack cadre to handle riots. Stewart Tendler [illegible] them train

Smoke billowed down the empty street. Petrol bombs burnt fiercely, lighting the line of police riot shields in the distance with an orange glow. A shadowy figure lent from a window. With a cry of "bastards" he opened fire at the huddled police.

As the boom of the gunshots died the street was suddenly filled with a new sound: a police armoured personnel carrier roared in loaded with highly-armed marksmen.

The scene is reminiscent of Belfast but it took place in London this week. On a damp evening beneath the flight path into Heathrow a new police riot cadre was being forged in the mock streets and shell buildings of Scotland Yard's riot training ground.

Two hundred members of London's territorial support groups, TSGs, were learning the business of policing in extremis.

Some have already seen duty outside the News International plant at Wapping during the January demonstration which turned into a full confrontation with police. Others are just beginning to make their appearance on the London streets.

At first sight there is little to distinguish the 920 policemen from other officers. But the TSGs are the nearest Britain has yet come to a "third force", a unit specifically set up like the French CRS or the kidotai in Japan to deal with public disorder.

By the summer, 24 armoured Land Rovers will be delivered to the groups which include officers trained to use guns and fire both CS gas or plastic bullets. In future riots, police will no longer rely on men from D11, the Yard's top-level marksmen, to fire the anti-riot weapons. These will be on call throughout London for the TSGs to use if authorized by senior commanders.

Harry Kerr

Mean streets: A Territorial Support Group training session

A four-day TSG course at Hounslow has included intensive training in facing petrol bomb attacks, the formation of arrest squads, work with plastic bullets, the deployment of mounted police and the use of armoured vehicles. Training will continue for one day every few weeks to create the most highly trained anti-riot unit seen in Britain so far.

The TSGs are an answer to the conundrum facing police chiefs in the 1980s. Many of Britain's cities and towns are at risk from disorder but a dedicated riot squad on standby is thought to remain both publically unacceptable and too expensive.

The solution in London, which has seen six riots in six years, is a compromise. The TSGs will provide a highly-mobile manpower reserve trained in a number of non-controversial roles. On top of that, they can deliver a sharp police response to rioters – as demanded by Sir Kenneth Newman, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, after the Tottenham disorder 18 months ago.

Each of the TSGs is attached to one of the capital's eight police areas. The groups – normally split into four units – include 96 constables 12 sergeants, five inspectors, one chief inspector and a superintendent in overall command. There are 66 female officers in the TSG's total strength; the first time women have been included in a specialist public order unit.

The operation of any such unit in London will provoke criticism given the checkered history of the Special Patrol Group in the 1970s. In recognition of this, Scotland Yard says it has designed a rigorous selection process, training programme and command system for the TSGs.

According to Supt. Michael Messenger, commanding the TSG covering south-west London, the result is a body of "good practical, well-balanced, well-motivated police officers," who will serve in the TSGs for up to four years.

Their daily work will be to provide extra cover in specialised areas of crime such as muggings. Officers will work in plain clothes on surveillance of targets such as drug traffickers.

On duty they would look as much like ordinary police officers as possible – only the letters on their shoulder markings indicate their role – and there should not, said Mr. Messenger, be anything "storm trooperesque" about them.

Sir Kenneth has his anti-riot squad but he also a group to devote to the targets of everyday policing. The success of the compromise, like any other police intiative, will be decided on the city streets.

A city sitting pretty

Baltimore's urban renewal programme is attracting international fans

Love, it seems, runs smooth and deep in Baltimore where this week the good burghers are offering citizens a variation on the Valentine card: tell her you love her and fill in a pothole. For just 10 dollars, the city will name a pothole after your loved one, fill it in, mark it with a red heart and send her a card to boot.

If it could only happen in America, then it is appropriate it is happening in Baltimore, where the urban regeneration programme and the antics of its former mayor and now governor of Maryland, Donald Schaefer, are enjoying worldwide approval. A steady stream of British politicians, civil servants, town hall officials, developers and other *professionals have recently* beaten a path to Baltimore in search of solutions to Britain's inner-city problems.

The attraction for these urban pilgrims is Baltimore's Inner Harbor, a once-derelict area which now attracts 20 million people a year to its waterfront, Covent Garden-style shopping, convention centre, new hotels, science museum and aquarium.

Tourism, however, is not the main aim of Harborplace. The idea, says Jackie Lampell, who works at City Hall, is to create jobs and increase the tax base. Each new hotel employs about 750 people for every 500 rooms and so far about 2,500 new rooms have been built in downtown Baltimore. The two shopping pavilions called Harborplace provided about 2,300 new jobs, many of them going to the previously unemployed. In all, downtown redevelopment has created about 30,000 jobs, a lot of interesting new buildings and the transformation of the city's reputation.

Like many British Victorian cities, Balitmore had witnessed a massive exodus of better-off people and jobs. The inner harbour closed, shops were closing and the remaining population was increasingly poor and black. Unlike Britain, where such cooperation is only just beginning to emerge, the business community got together with the local mayor and city hall and jointly tackled the problems of decay.

Schaefer and the other city leaders have constantly sought to involve local people in the campaign. Employers were encouraged to take part in a tax-deductible programme, hiring older school children (but only those with good school attendance records) for summer jobs.

There are annual "Baltimore is Best" competitions for the best parents, bartenders, typists, creative writers, neighbourhoods, poets (among senior citizens) and for the person or group which has done most for the city during the year.

"The *Baltimore scene* is pretty mind-blowing," said David Hall, director of the Town and Country Planning Association, who came back from a recent East Coast fact-finding mission impressed by the strong input from the business community. Steve Beioley, until recently with the English Tourist Board, was *similarly impressed by* the quality of design and management of something which attracts large numbers of visitors. "It didn't look tatty, tacky or whatever," he said, in some surprise.

Judy Hillman

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The Times puts the poetry back in to Valentine's Day with diverse verses from well-known figures, including Barbara Cartland (left), Laurie Lee, Jill Bennett, Bob Hoskins and Billy Connolly.

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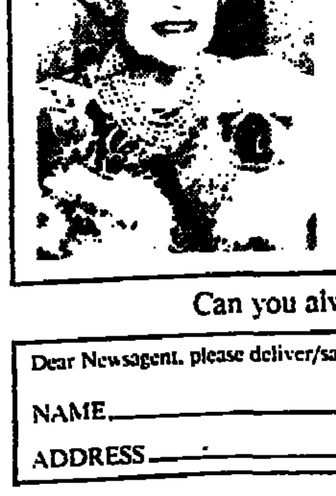

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Prepared for action: (from left) Linda Stoker, who runs the refresher course for married women, with Jacky Barratt, Ann Portway and Christine Moles, the tutor

Back to work - with a lesson

Can women who have to put their careers on hold to run a home and family return to work with ease? Barbara Lamb reports on a course, called Wider Opportunities for Women, that aims to foster ambition

Outside the interview room at the Dearing Centre in Cheshunt, 20 women are waiting nervously for their first job interview in 10 or 15 years. Each holds her carefully composed c.v., a copy of the job advertisement and an application form.

They had all taken heed of their tutor Christine Moles's advice to look presentable and arrive on time, except for Sally, who didn't turn up because it was too much of an ordeal, and Vi, who wished she'd worn a dress instead of the casual trousers and top.

The women I met that morning were practising interview skills in the final week of a new 28-day course — Wider Opportunities for Women — aimed at married women who have been running a home and family for years.

This unique course is sponsored by the Manpower Training Commission and organized by 32-year-old Linda Stoker, managing director of Dow Jones, costs nothing and covers every aspect of returning to work. It does not only aim to give women back their confidence, but also to instil in them the necessary agression and motivation, to point them towards the job that will suit them now, which may not be the same career that they followed before marriage.

The course, which includes simple practical skills such as writing a c.v. and filling in application forms, also looks seriously at time management, life planning and even how to run your own business. It may sound like an endurance test, but those who complete it are ready to face the most exacting scrutiny.

Mock interviews on video are an important rehearsal for the real thing and will reveal how well or badly the women cope. Did they perch timidly on the chair, was their handshake firm enough, their dress appropriate, and how confidently did they present themselves?

Hands clenched on lap to control her nerves, 38-year-old Ann Portway dreads being caught out by the interviewer. She badly wants the position of a school secretary, but hasn't done a full-time job for 12 years. Ann is smartly dressed, in a navy suit with a crisp red shirt. She looks the interviewer straight in the eye, remembering the positive handshake. Personnel officer Gareth Peck (on loan from a well-known local company) isn't going to try and throw her off guard; the last thing he wants to do is to shake the little confidence she has.

"I've bluffed the typing question," Ann admits after the interview. "I'll have to brush up on it before I apply for a real job." Gareth Peck was impressed: "If I'd been interviewing her for real she would have been in with a good chance."

Ann's husband, an engineering manager, has encouraged her and he persuaded her to do the course. Her children, aged nine and six, are less of a worry to her now, especially as this type of job should fit in with school hours. "When I was working I had a lot more to offer in conversation and personality," Ann says. "And I feel at last I'm getting that back".

Vi Howard, who wanted to return to her old job of telephonist, breezes in confidently, trying to make up for her ill-chosen clothes. She was anxious to be interviewed today as her first proper interview, with Rank Xerox, is scheduled for next week.

A bit too boldly, she begins, "Can I ask you what you're looking for?" and finishes with: "Would you be prepared to retrain me? I'm very rusty but I am capable." Gareth comments that she "could have asked me a lot more questions; I purposely didn't tell you anything about the conditions, facilities or pension scheme. I was waiting for you to bringthemup. You'vegottoshowthat you're more interested in the company as a whole than in the salary." Vi has now found a job as a telephonist with Rank Cintel.

The third day of the course helps them to decide which jobs to apply for; they fill in an interest inventory, a sort of psychological test on their interests and ambitions. From the results they are able to look at what jobs are available and whether they need further training.

That test proved to 37-year-old Jacky Barratt that she should remain a practitioner in alternative medicine, for which she recently qualified, rather than return to her old job of laboratory technician. Her children are now aged nine and eight. "I trained as a reflexologist a year ago but I never had the confidence to sell myself; no one would give me a job," says Jacky. "The course also tells you what jobs to avoid — clerical work, which I was considering, would have been disastrous for me.

"Personal development is what the course has meant for me. It has been a lot deeper than I expected. As women, we get on with the day to day things, never question having to do the shopping or cooking the meals. I've been thinking more deeply about what I want from life. It's given me order again, it's put housework in its place. Suddenly you've completed, in a couple of hours, what used to take a whole day. I'm getting so many comments about how well I'm looking — I feel so much better inside." Jacky's confidence has now led her to start her own business, using her skills in acupressure and reflexology.

Lack of confidence was never Carole Hemmings's problem. An articulate and lively 42-year-old, she joined the course to find direction having been steeped in family life for 13 years. "I did the course primarily to find out what work was available for someone like me — it's a long time since I was at school.

"It was a conscious decision to stay at home and be a mother to my children, they're very special to me". Carole had her doubts about the course at first. "The message I got was forget the children, forget your husband, if you want to work damn the rest. That really riled me that they were telling me what to do with my family.

"Examining my motivation to work, that was very good, it confirmed *in my mind* that I wasn't going to work primarily for money but because I had something to give." Carole has now gone to college for a course on computers and word procesing.

"My initial reaction was sceptical," says Linda Stoker. "Why do women need to learn such obvious skills? But the pilot scheme we ran in High Wycombe was such an overwhelming success that the women themselves convinced me that there was an enormous need for this sort of help.

"We try and match up people's desires and motivations with reality, but sometimes they have to take some steps away from their desires to meet reality, and sometimes it's right where they are anyway. Many of these women have this great British reserve. At the interview they say I might be able to do the job when they ought to be saying I know I can do it well".

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For details of further courses, contact Linda Stoker or Janet Rundle on 0279 725400.

Wickedness or just fun?

Cynthia Payne's recent acquittal prompts questions about morality and the law

I think it was when Mrs Cynthia Payne began to cry in the witness box at her trial last week that I first thought of Boule de Suif, the plump prostitute about whom Guy de Maupassant wrote so sympathetically. Boule de Suif cried, of course, because after reluctantly bedding a Prussian officer in order to save her fellow travellers, she was ignored and despised by them for her easy virtue. This is of a more heroic cast than Mrs Payne, who seemed to be crying over "my kinky box" that contained the whips and canes so dear to her deceased love, Squadron Leader Robert Smith. "I can stand all the other questions," sobbed Mrs Payne, "but not about him."

Women, I think, have mixed emotions about it all. Prostitutes evoke ambivalent feelings in us. At times one sees some small merit in the wife quoted on a radio programme who lost her husband in a divorce action because of sexual incompatibility. She wished that he "had known about Mrs Payne's parties. I might still have him." I doubt it, but who knows?

Prostitutes are, in the end, seen as a threat to women. The virtual silence of the women's movement over the right of their sisters to sell any part of their anatomy confirms my feeling that the reason society has always had laws against prostitution is an economic one: we don't like dumping. Devaluing the merchandise is bad. Since time immemorial the sexual act has provided many women (and some men) with a lifetime of support. But when there are younger, prettier women around, even smarter ones, who offer the great sexual mystery for a straight per occasion fee, the service is devalued. This, I think, rather than the modern cries of "exploitation" is behind the antagonism towards prostitution.

Still, I confess to a strong bias against prostitutes myself. Of course, I have a similar bias against a lot of people who make their living out of areas I regard as similarly contemptible, such as people on government regulatory agencies and censorship boards. But my dislike for prostitution is based on a feeling that human beings are a pair-bonding species with a considerable capacity and desire for love. Participating in the sexual act without personal affection — or at least mutual lust — seems to me unnatural.

All the same, one's personal contempt for prostitution scarcely seems an argument for legislating in these areas of morality. In fact, I never have been at ease with any of our morality laws. Every day of the year police are out raiding gaming houses, swooping on pornography caches, and arresting those unfortunate men whose desperation drives them to proposition undercover policewomen. One knows that this behaviour is hideously vulgar and cheapens the quality of our civilization, but surely our best approach is to say that the law should not interfere with such acts between consenting adults unless they can be shown to be disruptive to the community at large or uninvolved persons.

As long as our laws and society give police the power and budget to enforce these marginal areas of morality — whoring, gambling and so on, the police will continue to sweep in en masse. And they will be forced into behaviour that can often make them look ridiculous. There were 30 police in on the raid at Mrs Payne's. The investigation took 14 months. Two undercover policemen visited her house several times dressed up as "a businessman" and "a transsexual". The mind boggles.

I suppose what irritates me the most, in the end, is the crude glamour that all this gives people like Mrs Payne. Journalism covers these things with such a broad brush and often a rather sentimental one. Well, I know that people who give sex parties are probably not fiends, but neither are they social workers. Mrs Payne may have a perfectly decent sense of humour and, as one newspaper claimed yesterday, attends parties at David Frost's. But then middle-class courtesans or "personalities" were always the toast of society when lower-class street walkers were considered the gutter.

It's just a personal opinion, but I think Mrs Payne and her ilk are a part of this society that is better left under the stone.

Cynthia Payne: an image with an ambivalent effect

Barbara Amiel

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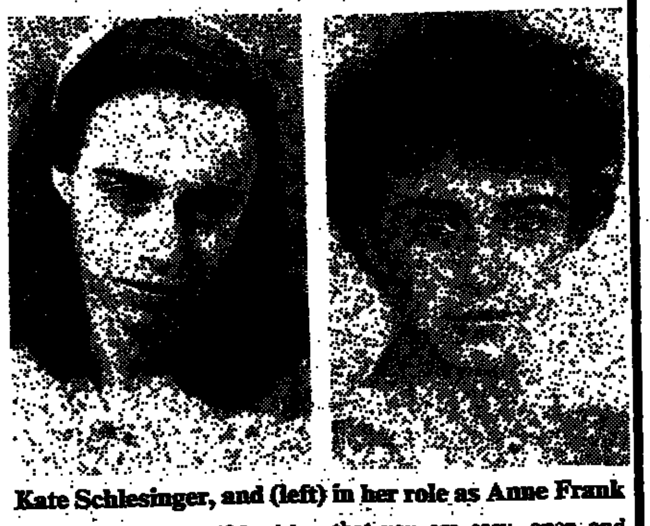
Media meteor

Kate Schlesinger is becoming an actress to watch — in the theatre, on films and on television


Kate Schlesinger, and (left) in her role as Anne Frank

Katharine Schlesinger left drama school in 1984, wrote 300 letters to every repertory theatre and casting director in the country, got just one audition and landed the job — playing fairies and maids in the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre.

It was good training but hardly the stuff that careers are made of; yet since then her rise as an actress has been, as they say, meteoric: first Juliet at the Crucible, Sheffield, then four demanding roles with the Royal Theatre, Northampton, and recently Anne in *The Diary of Anne Frank* for BBC Television.

This Sunday, Schlesinger, now 23, appears in her first television film, playing Catherine Morland in Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*, on BBC 2. She regards both Catherine and Anne Frank as "innocent women, but very different characters. Anne was mischevious, loud, bouncy, intelligent, honest and perceptive, whereas Catherine, although charming and not a weak character, was ignorant and gullible.

"Anne is the most special part I have played. It is the nearest I have got to feeling that I was another person. Going to work was like going to see a friend," says Schlesinger. "When filming was over it suddenly hit me that Anne was dead — it was like losing someone very close". She regained her perspective some weeks later, on seeing *Shoah*, the epic film about the Holocaust. Katharine, although half-Jewish, was brought up as a non-practising Christian.

Acting is very much in the blood; she is the great-niece of Dame Peggy Ashcroft and a niece of film director John Schlesinger. To those who think her family has helped her she says: "They have neither encouraged nor discouraged me, but now they are supportive."

> 'The theatre is where you learn, and develop, your craft'

At the age of 17 Katharine gave up studying A levels, and applied for drama school. In her three years at Arts Educational in London's Barbican she learnt discipline, commitment and how to audition. "Performing well at audition is not enough," she says. "You have to prove to a director that you are easy, open and fun to work with."

She has captured some unlikely roles. After winning an audition for Pandora in the West End production of *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole*, her friends said that small, dark-haired Katharine was hardly their image of the sexy, blonde, graceful, Pandora. However, she got the part. "I did not realize how hard it was to keep a performance fresh," she says. "After seven months it was frightening. I was praying not to forget my lines".

Katharine recently successfully auditioned for the part of Irena in Elijah Nijinski's production of Chekhov's *The Three Sisters* (which opens at Greenwich on March 18).

Schlesinger enjoys the unpredictability and excitement of being an actress and she knows she has been lucky to work in three media — theatre, film and television. "The theatre is where you learn and develop your craft, but filming is wonderful because you can be more truthful," she says.

Peta Levi

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Love laws

Be my Valentine — but only if we sign a contract about who gets what on parting

Why wait until after the wedding for the divorce? With an admirable sense of economy, lawyers in the United States these days are drawing up pre-nuptual contracts which set out the arrangements for parting even before the exchange of rings.

Couples are being advised to make sure that becoming affianced does not mean becoming afinanced.

"It may be unromantic but people think it's extremely practical," according to Carolyn McCaffrey, a New York lawyer who has handled scores of the bargaining sessions. "People like to know where they stand from the outset," she told me.

Indeed they do, and in some considerable detail. One 45-year-old college professor had a clause written into his agreement that in the event of a marriage break-up he would keep his electric train set.

Some of the agreements run to 50 pages and include legally-binding pronouncements on where the couple will go on holiday, who will pay the food bills or get the biggest wardrobe.

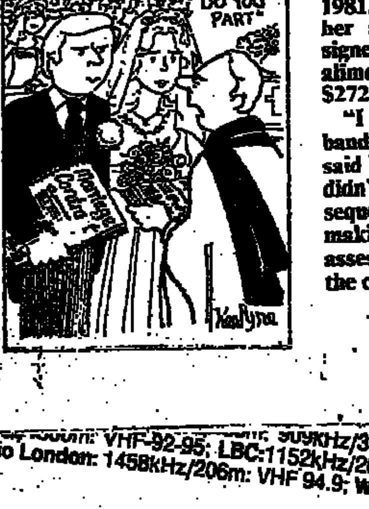
"The law here provides for equitable distribution of a couple's assets on divorce. It gives the judge the right to award alimony in either direction. The rights were extended considerably in 1980. Since then agreements like these have become more and more common," says Mrs McCaffrey.

But doesn't it all pour cold water on the first fervour of love? "Well, yes, it does a bit. In one case I was representing a man who had been married before. He had acquired substantial assets and wanted the woman to waive her rights entirely. She was represented by a lawyer who was trying to negotiate some limited rights for her. In the end my client decided the whole thing wasn't worth the effort and he called the wedding off."

Often, says Mrs McCaffrey, people hold back from driving a hard bargain to prove that they are not marrying for the money. They may live to regret it.

Newspapers in the United States have, for some years, been reporting on the case of Michele and Richard Laub, who signed an agreement 12 years before their divorce in 1981. In it, Mrs Laub listed her assests as $1,600 and signed away her right to alimony and any claim on the $272,000 Mr Laub listed.

"I always resented my husband for making me sign it," said Mrs Laub. "I felt like he didn't trust me." She subsequently sued him for not making a full disclosure of his assests in the agreement but the courts ruled against her.



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THE TIMES DIARY

Softly, softly

After this month's rewrite by the Labour leadership of plans for "democratic supervision" of the police, the Commons launch this week of a new paper on police accountability drawn up by the all-Labour London Strategic Policy Unit has been postponed. Invitations were withdrawn just two days after being issued. The LSPU suggests setting up an elected police authority in London with the power to appoint and dismiss police commissioners and proposes that councillors outside London should have powers over "general operational policies". The launch was due to be attended by Martha Osamor, a Hackney councillor quoted this week as refusing regular police meetings because "I am not in the business of compromise". Though the official reason for the postponement was that speakers became unavailable, a more likely reason, I understand, is Labour Party HQ's anxiety to avoid a row a week from the Greenwich by-election. The first available date for the launch is now March 2 — well the other side of polling day.

Polls apart

Complaining about Monday's *Newsnight* poll that showed Greenwich voters deserting Labour for the Alliance candidate, Joe Ashton, the Bassetlaw MP, said it had been conducted by inexperienced students. His colleague, frontbencher Bryan Gould, had no such qualms yesterday about a subsequent poll conducted by students which, he said, showed a "solid and satisfactory" Labour lead. It is just as well. When not knocking on the doors of Greenwich, the political science students from Drew University, New York, are taught British Constitution by Labour spokesman Kevin McNamara.

Irish punt

Dublin's *Sunday Independent* is offering Ir£250,000 to any reader who predicts the exact result of Tuesday's general election. The odds against such a feat, executives must have calculated, are astronomical. But they have fallen dramatically with the announcement that a gambling syndicate intends spending Ir£10,000 on 30,000 copies of the newspaper and using a computer to calculate the most likely permutations of results. The syndicate has been legally advised that it is entitled to submit its entries as a computer printout rather than tediously filling out 30,000 individual coupons as the rules lay down. Editor Aengus Fanning tells me he has no intention of changing the rules and believes the syndicate is bluffing. He admits one thing about the plan, however: "It's about the most exciting thing to happen in the election so far."

Bongo land

Carl Davis, Cymru's newly-selected prospective parliamentary candidate for Clywd North West, has an unusual election aide: his dog, Bongo. Davis swears his faithful hound is trained to bark "Gwynfor Evans", name of the president of Plaid Cymru.

Instant whip

Norman Tebbit must be regretting sniggering about the confusion that led David Steel and David Owen to vote in opposite ways the other week. On Wednesday night no fewer than 40 debate-weary Tory MPs dutifully trotted off into the wrong lobby. Whips John Cope and Tim Sainsbury watched in horror as their men accidentally amassed to vote against the party-line on Scottish housing policy. Our heroes leapt into the fray to shoo them the right way — just in time.

BARRY FANTONI

'Cheer up, old man, there must be dozens of genuine places'

Cowpokes

Is someone having *The Times Higher Education Supplement* on, or is it right to take seriously a claim by a Hull University student newspaper that students are taking to "beef bouncing"? The story is that a 33-strong university society is planning to raid local farms and push over cows while they are asleep. The craze is supposed to have gripped the United States where the practice is regarded as excellent training for American football. It takes four people to topple a cow as it snoozes standing up, and the secret is to creep up on it quietly. If you make too much noise it "wakes up and wanders around". A vet writes: "Whether the practice is current or not, it sounds a very bad idea."

PHS

By wayward values to new vulnerabilities

Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York, on the religious symbolism of Aids

What can theological reflection hope to add to the millions of words already written about Aids? The short, but ambitious, answer is "a framework of meaning". Those who leap to condemn Aids victims for moral enormities presuppose one kind of framework of meaning, where retribution is writ large. Others who sit down silently beside the victims to bear part of their suffering presuppose another, in which meaning is generated by compassion.

The pragmatic "technological" approach ("use a condom") sidesteps the question of meaning, at the cost of making the experience of the disease strictly meaningless; a matter of hanging on, hoping to be lucky, until the researchers come up with the answer. As I see it, reflection on meaning is an essential feature of our humanness, whatever the context. I offer these thoughts therefore as a preliminary attempt to make emotional and religious sense of a problem threatening to engulf us.

The character of the virus may provide a first clue. It has been described as fragile, "a pathogenic weakling". This is why it needs intimate contact, blood to blood, for its transmission. The link between infection and sexual intercourse is thus no accident. The other known means of transmission equally presuppose a special degree of intimacy, the brotherhood of the needle, open flesh to open flesh, mother to child. Fragility and intimacy form part of the same pattern.

A second, and perhaps less obvious, clue lies in what the virus does. The invasion of the immune system is a medical disaster, but in an indirect way it too relates to the theme of intimacy. The immune system, like the human skin, protects the boundary between the self and the not-self. How it works is still largely mysterious. That it works is part of the physiological basis for individuality.

An individual organism retains its genetic distinctness and identity by refusing to allow replacement of its own genetic material from another source. Only in reproduction does the fusion of distinct genetic material take place. In almost every other circumstance the barrier between the self and the not-self remains inviolate — unless and until the Aids virus begins to erode it.

In symbolic terms, a connection seems clear. A virus, which depends upon intimacy for its transmission, also happens to expose those who receive it to extreme dangers of invasion from without. It seems only a short step from this conjunction of properties to a general reflection on the link between intimacy and vulnerability.

It is not for nothing that intimate relationships have usually been hedged with conventions, ceremonies and taboos. They involve dangerous moments of exposure, both physically and psychologically. The most intense emotions of shame, rage and hatred can be aroused when intimacy is abused. Most murders take place within the family. The fragile personality is most at risk when engaged in the self-exposure that intimacy demands.

The frontier between the self and the not-self is the battleground on which individuals struggle to define their personal identity. The familiar sequence, dependence, independence, interdependence signals the movements backwards and forwards across the defences.

The role of religion in containing these dangerous experiences works only on the level of convention, ceremony and taboo if religious symbolism touches the actual springs of behaviour. In theory there is every reason why it should. One of the main tasks of Christian theology, for example, is to explore the ramifications of love, both human and divine. It has powerful things to say about the intimacy of love and the vulnerability of lovers. The symbolism of Christ on the cross brings together in shocking juxaposition the nearness of God to our human condition in its fallenness and vulnerability.

But much of the symbolism that once carried religious meaning has become degraded and trivialized. The conventions about intimacy have been repudiated as outworn, arbitrary, too ridden with fear and guilt about sex to be reliable guides in a supposedly enlightened age. The accumulated wisdom that set restraints on intimate human relationships has largely been squandered. It is small wonder that in a society which has grown so uncertain in its handling of intimacy, new forms of vulnerability should make their presence felt. Aids is only one of them.

The relegation of modesty as a virtue is one of the tell-tale signs of what has been happening. Many people, if asked, would spontaneously think of it as a rather old-fashioned virtue. Yet some of the things that go with modesty — privacy, space to be oneself, the right not to be forced into intimacy — can be important, not least for the growing child. Modesty, understood in these terms, is part of the self-restraint that lets other people be themselves.

A convention of modesty can enrich human relationships by increasing the range and variety of responses between people before overtly sexual factors begin to be felt. It is the opposite of what used to happen in the San Francisco bath-houses, now closed by Aids.

A theology that seeks to discover some meaning in Aids has to look beyond the overtly sexual to some of the deeper failures of society in not safeguarding the quality of relationships. The sexual revolution of the 1960s has had irreversible consequences, and that is why no mere reimposition of moral strictures is likely to be acceptable or lasting. But the fear, guilt and hypocrisy that used to surround matters sexual are not the only alternative to licence.

Perhaps Aids can teach us a more positive lesson, the need to show more respect for personal integrity, the need to strengthen the link between sexual intimacy and other forms of intimacy, the need to rescue love from trivialization and to re-emphasize its power to wound.

The defendant who recently said in court that for her sexual intercourse was no more significant than having a cup of tea, may think of herself as liberated. For me her remark symbolizes the emptiness of a culture that has thrown away restraint, and now finds itself with an empty house invaded by seven devils more dangerous than the first.

Michael Hornsby on the power switch the May election could bring

Two-way split for Botha?

Johannesburg

There is a flavour of 1948 about the forthcoming South African general election, wrote Tertius Myburgh, an Anglicised Afrikaner who edits the Johannesburg Sunday Times, in a recent issue of his paper. For the first time in decades, there is a feeling that the old order in white politics is nearing its end.

His comment accurately reflects the current mood in white liberal circles, but it needs to be treated with caution. The ruling National Party (NP) remains a formidable force, and there can be no doubt that it will remain the government of South Africa after the May 6 election to the House of Assembly, the white chamber of parliament, where real power still lies.

Having said that, it is certainly true that the poll is shaping up as the most fluid and unpredictable contest since the NP came to power 39 years ago, and the chances of the government's losing significant numbers of parliamentary seats to parties to its left and right are higher than ever before.

On the face of it, the government has an unassailable majority in the House of Assembly, holding 126 of the 178 seats. This, however, somewhat exaggerates the position, as 12 of the 178 seats are reserved for nominated or indirectly elected members, and 10 of these seats are allocated to the NP.

The real contest will be for the 166 directly elected constituency seats, of which 116 are currently held by the NP. To form the government, a party, or coalition of parties, must command a bare majority — 84 — of the directly elected seats. The government would thus have to lose 33 seats, almost 30 per cent of its present total, to lose its majority.

No serious commentator, nor indeed any of President Botha's opponents in the forthcoming contest, believes for a moment that this is likely to happen. What those who talk about the collapse of the old order envisage is a rather more complex situation in which the government's majority is reduced to the point where the incentive for malcontents on both its left and right flanks to defect is dramatically raised.

This scenario pre-supposes that significant inroads into NP support will be made by both the Conservative Party (CP) and the Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) on the right, and the Progressive Federal Party (PFP) and the New Republic Party on the left.

It is argued that if these parties could, say, raise their present total of 48 seats to around 70, reducing the government's complement to somewhere in the mid-90s, the potential of the ruling party to fragment would grow sharply as it sought to defend an increasingly ill-defined middle-ground.

Botha addresses the party: it could be a smaller meeting come May

What emerges less clearly from this crystal-ball gazing is the precise form that the realignment resulting from such fragmentation might take. There tends to be an assumption that an alliance of reform-minded groups would gain the upper hand. The possibility that a large conservative rump of the NP might be able to patch up its differences with the extreme right-wing parties is less often considered.

What is the likelihood that the NP will suffer losses on the scale envisaged? Oddly, in view of the fact that Botha has spent most of the past six months preparing for a showdown with right-wing forces, it is precisely the threat from the right that now seems to most observers here the least likely to cause any real suprise.

There has been no dramatic increase in popular support for the right since 1982, when 17 government MPs under Andries Treurnicht, a former cabinet minister and Broederbond chairman, broke away to form the CP. The CP and HNP undoubtedly enjoy a strong following in rural areas of the Transvaal and parts of the Orange Free State, and some lower-income white urban constituencies may be within their grasp, but opinion surveys do not give them more than 20 per cent of the total vote.

The hardline policies pursued by President Botha both at home and abroad over the past year have taken the wind from the sails of the two parties. They are further weakened by their inability, which owes as much to personal animosity between Treurnicht and Jaap Marais, the HNP leader, as to any doctrinal differences, to form an electoral pact and thereby avoid competing against each other as well as the NP.

If they can overcome these differences, their electoral prospects would be sharply improved. As things stand, they are not seen as likely to emerge from the election with more than 25-30 seats at most, and their chances of even forming the official opposition, a prospect accepted as almost inevitable a few months ago, are now rated at best as 50-50.

What has been most striking over the past month or so has been the (possibly premature) resurgence of confidence in the ranks of the PFP. A year ago, the PFP was shattered by the resignation of its charismatic Afrikaner leader, Dr Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert, who pronounced parliament to be a ritual of irrelevance, and the party has spent much of the time since then re-assessing its strategy.

Under Colin Eglin, an old warhorse who had a previous stint as party leader before being replaced by the younger Slabbert, the PFP has done detailed research into voter attitudes, and identified some 30 seats, in addition to the 25 directly elected ones it already holds, which it considers to be realistically within its reach, if not at this election then at the next. It has also discovered that, while up to 40 per cent of white voters are sympathetic to much of the party's policy, such as its pledge to abolish the remaining apartheid laws, only 20 per cent are actually prepared to vote for it, in part because they fear that its policy of holding a national convention to negotiate a new constitution would simply mean handing over power to the outlawed African National Congress.

The PFP has formed an astute electoral alliance with the much smaller and more conservative New Republic Party, the rump of the old United Party of Jan Smuts. This, together with the government's summary rejection of the Natal indaba proposals, the only competitive non-racial alternative to the government's revised version of apartheid, could, it is reckoned, lose the NP six or seven seats in Natal alone. Eglin confidently predicted to foreign journalists earlier this month that he expects the PFP-NRP alliance to emerge with 40-45 seats nationwide from the election.

Allied to the growth of PFP confidence has been the discontent stirred up on the left of the NP, and among the more affluent, better-educated and reform-minded urban Afrikaners in the electorate at large, by Botha's pandering to right-wing racial prejudice in recent months.

The defections of Denis Worrall, South Africa's English-speaking but hitherto NP-supporting ambassador to London, and Wynand Malan, the NP's MP for Randburg near Johannesburg, are unlikely to be followed by others immediately. But they could well be portents.

Meanwhile . . .

Philip Howard: New Words for Old

It is natural for words to change their meanings continually in the ebb and flow of life and language. We know, Philip, we know. But the changes are not all for the better. And sometimes they are mistakes, errors, wrong, deleterious, and pig-ignorant weasel words. Here are some that I detect happening beneath our very eyes and in our very ears.

"Meanwhile", a plain little adverb, short for "in the mean while", is normally used to indicate that something is (or is not) happening pending the beginning, continuation, or ending of something else. Its alias is "meantime". What it ought naturally to mean is either during the intervening time, or at the same time, especially in another place. Recently it has started to be used, particularly on BBC Radio News, to mean "while we are on this subject", or "to change the subject slightly", or even "to change the subject altogether".

Here are three examples of that old chameleon "meanwhile" from a recent issue of *The Times*. A Conservative MP has tabled a motion, "meanwhile" Tony Benn has written to the Prime Minister on the same topic. This is the normal use. President Reagan is in hospital, "meanwhile" the condition of William Casey is said to be comfortable. Here the adverb appears to mean "changing the subject slightly". The badgers an animal rescuer cares for are always returned to the wild if possible, "meanwhile" they stay at her field centre. This example has no temporal sense, and appears to mean "on the other hand", or "taking a contrary view". It is a good example of the new weasel word meanwhile.

"Pragmatic" ought to describe a philosophy advocating behaviour that is dictated more by practical consequences than by theory or dogma. It is widely weaselled to mean practical. For example, in a letter from the Inspector of Taxes to a noble Aberdonian firm of solicitors and estate agents: "I am prepared to accept your pragmatic solution for bringing the present inquiries to a conclusion."

The solution suggested was a compromise between the Inland Revenue's estimate of a tax liability and the firm's. I know very well what the inspector is trying to state when he describes the solution as pragmatic. He was, no doubt, also brought up in the era of Harold Wilson, and I guess that he means that neither side should stand on principle, and that a practical solution should be found. This is not what pragmatic means, except in its new, loose, weaselish sense.

A third word that is weaselling fast is the business of arbitrage. This is now used by the Americans and, apparently somewhat reluctantly, by *The Times*, to describe the disreputable activities of insiders in the stock market. The latter, who are engaged in shady and possibly criminal activities, profit from their secret knowledge of forthcoming events. The insider needs only an envelope, an elementary knowledge of arithmetic, a minimum of luck, and a warthog's sense of honesty.

In fact arbitrage is a perfectly respectable function of the money game which has flourished for at least 100 years, probably longer for gold. It is the practice of switching funds between two or more markets whose price variations are published. Rapid communications, even in the days of the telegraph, made it possible to profit from the variations, often making use of exchange variations also. Money was made by brains, effort, and a race against time. The result was a contribution to the functioning of the international price system. Anybody could have a go, if he or she wanted to try. Arbitrage is not essentially crooked.

David Watt

Bear's-eye view of Britain

There is always a small pang of relief in the heart of the columnist who discovers that someone "out there" has really been listening — even if it is only the unwearying ear of the Soviet propaganda machine. I was therefore rather pleased to find that my New Year's interview with Sir Geoffrey Howe on this page was the subject of an English language commentary soon afterwards from Moscow Radio by one Yevgeniy Ivanov.

Ivanov was quite kind to me, noting that in my "daily commentaries for the *Washington Post*" — a paper to which I have probably contributed half-a-dozen articles in my life, the last at least 10 years ago — I have "spoken of the Tory government as President Reagan's poodle". I regret to say that he was less generous to Sir Geoffrey, who got it in the neck for his evident determination, in the interview, to put Europe's relationship with the US at the top of his priorities. "It thus turns out," thundered Ivanov, "that Washington's goodwill is more important to London than the prospect of humanity's survival."

Crude, wedge-driving stuff, of the kind that has been pouring out of Moscow in a steady stream since the late 1970s after the Nato decision to deploy cruise missiles.

It is particularly crass at this moment because it contrasts so strongly with the present state of Anglo-Soviet relations at government level. While Ivanov is telling the British public that Sir Geoffrey is betraying mankind by keeping so close to the US, his superiors are busy laying out the red carpet for Mrs Thatcher, whose trip to Moscow in six weeks' time is important to them precisely because they believe she has the ear of Reagan.

This raises the intriguing question of how the Russians do, in fact, see Britain's role in the international scheme of things just now. A recent paper by Robbin Laird of the Institute of Defense Analyses in Washington, which collects some recent Soviet academic pronouncements on this subject, makes interesting reading.

In the first place it is clear that Soviet analysts continue to pay considerable attention to British security and defence policy. This is partly no doubt because of long habit, partly because we possess nuclear weapons which, as the Russians admit, are still capable of destroying "hard" targets in the Soviet Union, but above all because they believe we still have the "pre-eminent" European role in Nato.

As the Russian see it, Britain since the 1970s has been pulling further away from the US and nearer to Europe. Europe is, in their view, now our main field of interest, but the crucial point is that we have chosen to enhance that interest mainly by exploiting our strong position in Nato and the remains of our special relationship with Washington.

They believe that this, more than any dream of imperialistic glory, explains why we spend more than any other European power on defence, why we continue to play the key role in Nato's operations on the central front, and why we are moving more into joint European arms procurement. On the other hand, it is also why we bolster Nato defence by allowing the US to use the bases in Britain and why we consistently oppose any "European" defence and foreign policy initiative that appears to cut seriously across Nato and the "Atlantic" connection within it.

This analysis determines Soviet attitudes to the British political parties. Mrs Thatcher, though obviously no friend of the socialist bloc, might be a lot worse. Her equivocal position slows down the development of a stronger "Europeanism" while at the same time acting as a drag on Reagan's foreign policy.

From the Russian standpoint, the worst result of the next general election could well be a breakthrough by the Alliance parties, since this, in line with David Owen's views, might lead to a genuine "European" defence policy, more effectively resistant to the Soviet Union than the present, rather fractured, mid-Atlantic one.

A Labour victory would be the best outcome since it would effectively destroy Europeanism and Atlanticism at one blow. But here the Russians sound a note of caution. They acknowledge that Labour has become vastly more radical in the past six years and they trust — in the words of V.A. Ryzhkov, the author of a mind-boggling tome *British Labourism Today: Theory and Practice* — that "even reformist rightist Labour leaders cannot fail to take into consideration the opinion of England's organized working masses".

On the other hand, Ryzhkov observes that "unfortunately, experience of history has taught that the words and the deeds of Labourites are two different things".

It is easy to pick holes in this Russian portrait. It is obviously far too clear-cut to do justice to our muddled attitudes and pragmatic compromises. And of course the perennial delusion that the "working masses", whoever those may be, are bound to be lovers of Soviet-style harmony is as laughable as ever. And yet there is some insight here, particularly in the perception that Mrs Thatcher is being carried by the tide of what the Marxists call "objective forces" in the opposite direction from the one in which she is trying to swim.

The Russians will try to play on this when she goes to Moscow — partly using her, with appropriate flattery, as a channel to bear persuasive messages to Reagan over arms control, but partly making trouble through exploiting her desire to "represent" Europe.

She, of course, will be equally exploitative. She is using them to help win the British election. It will be fascinating to see who gets most out of the trip.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

An eerie strip of Alliance light

Sooner or later, a senior Alliance figure was going to have to arrive in the House wearing something in the Alliance's new campaign colour of billious yellow.

It was Mr David Steel who gave this a lead. If what his critics say is true — that he would prefer to conceal some of the Alliance's more controversial policy decisions — his first choice might have been to arrive in yellow underwear. But he walked in yesterday wearing a yellow tie so loud that for a while it drowned out the proceedings. The tie sat there making a noise throughout questions to the Prime Minister, after which it walked out — a strip of dazzling flourescent moving light with the dark of Mr Steel hovering dimly down each side of it. A somewhat eerie effect.

After at first being deafened, Conservative backbenchers made noises back at the tie. Dress has always influenced the fortunes of politicians. Because he was wearing a donkey jacket at the time, Mr Michael Foot became the first party leader to get bad publicity out of laying a wreath at the Cenotaph. At the Macmillan memorial service on Tuesday, Mr Steel, Dr Owen, Mr Callaghan and others wore morning dress. But Mr Kinnock wore a grey lounge suit. In his party, morning dress is associated with bankers in old cartoons during the pre-war slump; head waiters; Mr Callaghan, and other class enemies. Mr Kinnock thus avoided giving offence to thousands of people who want to overthrow society. For him, it was a matter of etiquette.

Last Monday, Lord Soames' son, Mr Nicholas Soames, (Crawley, C), came in wearing a pair of yellow socks. Extremist socks are on the whole to be avoided in an ambitious politician, since like all bold policies they arouse as much opposition as support. If dark socks are worn two days running, no one notices. A now deceased Labour left winger once wore flourescent red socks two days running. That meant that issues of hygiene were immediately involved. He never recovered the confidence of members who had to sit near him. Mr Soames has not so far made that error, so it is possible that his career can be saved.

There was one other difficulty for Mr Steel. No one can now remember anything about him yesterday other than that tie. But most of us remembered Mr Kinnock's dispute with the Prime Minister about whether the Government had brought down taxation. This was because he said she will become known as "high-taxer Thatcher".

It was one of those remarks which had about it the air of having been thought up at a topical strategy meeting that morning of Mr Kinnock's "top advisers" — people such as Miss Patricia Hewitt, Prof. Hobsbawm, and of course Mr Bryan Gould. Several ideas would have been canvassed.

"I got an idea, Neil. This afternoon, why not call her the Madame Cyn of British taxation policy?"

"Don't be bloody daft, boyo. Madame Cyn won!"

So they opted to go for "Neil Dubs Maggie Tax-Thatcher". Mr Kinnock seemed happy enough with it.

Indeed, virtually the entire Labour Party seemed happy yesterday because the main debate was about unemployment. Mr John Prescott, the Opposition spokesman on employment, argued with Mr Kenneth Clarke, the minister responsible to the Commons for employment policy. The start of the debate was remarkable for the absence on the Labour front bench of Mr Gould — that man whom Mr Kinnock now puts in charge of nearly everything, and who has now been put in charge of employment policy. But Mr Prescott put up a good show. For example, commenting on the absence of Mr Clarke's superior (who is a peer, Lord Young, and whom the Commons therefore cannot question), he said that the last time he was in the same room as Mr Clarke's boss, it was a television studio (Labour cheers).

"Where's Gould?" Tories shouted. He was of course absent because Mr Kinnock had ordered him to find a cure for Aids.

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STRATEGIC DEFENCE

Mr Kenneth Adelman, the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in the United States, will win no medals for diplomacy. His dismissive remark on Wednesday that the Nato allies had "no qualifications for telling us what is the right interpretation of the ABM Treaty" might have been designed to wound and alarm European opinion.

He has since clarified his outburst, explaining that he did not mean what he said. But this small episode has revealed rising tensions within the alliance on the issue of Star Wars when the prospect of President Reagan's successor is concentrating minds everywhere.

Leading figures in the Reagan administration, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger for instance, favour early, if partial, deployment of strategic missile defences. They think that strategic defence would be more likely to survive a change of president if it were already in place and that, in the meantime, congressional funding of such programmes would be more secure if there were some hardware to show for it. Above all, perhaps, in the present situation, they calculate that realistic plans for deployment of strategic defence, as opposed to merely talking about it, would make the Soviet Union that much more eager to reach an early arms control agreement in the present talks at Geneva.

It should be said that no-one is proposing immediate deployment. The most urgent proposal is that defence systems that use existing "kinetic kill" technologies (in which a small faster missile is thrown at a larger incoming missile) might begin to be deployed in two years time. That has been enough, however, to set the alarm bells ringing in Wester Europe.

Yesterday Mrs Thatcher and Mr Craxi sought inter-allied consultation before any plans for deployment are firmly fixed. That in itself was a reasonable demand which Washington has conceded, not for the first time. US arms negotiators (presumably not including the outspoken Mr Adelman) will be journeying round Western European capitals some time soon.

What raises hackles in Washington, however, is when European allies argue that any developments in missile defence should be in line with the "narrow" interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which seems to forbid deployment altogether, rather than the broad interpretation which leaves a loophole for developing and deploying exotic space-based technologies that did not exist in 1972.

From the standpoint of policy, the European argument is an irritation because it undercuts the US negotiating position at Geneva by diluting the implied threat that SDI is on its way. But some Administration figures – and this emerged in Mr Adelman's comments – also feel indignant about the contrast between the European allies' strict interpretation of the ABM treaty if it seems to prohibit Star Wars, and their unwillingness to hold the Soviet Union to account for its much worse violation of the treaty in building the Krasnyorsk radar station.

That breeds the suspicion – a not unreasonable one – that such arguments are really disguised objections to Star Wars as such. Yet the ABM treaty may not serve opponents of Star Wars as well as they imagine.

For the "broad" treaty interpretation applies only to advanced space systems which will not be ready for deployment for many years yet, whereas the "narrow" view allows a deployment of 100 "kinetic kill" missiles right away. Indeed, the Soviet Union deployed some around Moscow in the 1970s.

It is true that no interpretation, broad or narrow, can be found to justify early deployment of such missiles beyond the total of 100. That, however, is increasingly cited by supporters of SDI to argue that the US should give the six months notice of withdrawal that the ABM treaty stipulates rather than postponing major SDI deployment for decades and then getting bogged down in an irresolvable dispute about whether or not the treaty permits this or that. Straightforward withdrawal, they claim, would gain no more obloquy for President Reagan than muddling through the minefield of treaty interpretation.

European governments must therefore decide whether or not to support strategic defence and then, having decided, argue their case openly. Attempting to obstruct it by way of treaty arguments is serving only to poison relationships across the Atlantic.

MR CLARKE SETS THE TUNE

The Chancellor of the Exchequer and his fellow Cabinet ministers have issued endless warnings about the effect of excessive pay rises on competitiveness and job prospects. They might as well have bayed to the moon.

For the twelve months to last October the rise in average earnings was a steady 7.5 per cent, itself enough to ensure inflation higher than our main competitors. As the latest figures confirmed yesterday, earnings have now started accelerating again.

On Wednesday the employment minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, made a wide-ranging speech on the future of pay bargaining. It is not necessary to agree with every detail of his remedies in order to welcome his call for the nation to reform the system of arriving at pay that has done so much to deepen the depression and still threatens recovery.

The outcome of the British Telecom engineers strike vividly illustrates why such a public debate is needed. Many union members still saw the annual pay increase as virtually a sacred right – and a majority in London maintained this to the end. The link between pay and productivity was recognized, if at all, only as a regrettable necessity.

In this frame of mind, restrictive and anachronistic practices are seen as assets to be negotiated away piecemeal to raise pay settlements. The reality has not fully sunk in that inefficient working holds back pay.

Perceptions in a recently privatized monopoly understandably lag behind those in the private manufacturing sector where millions have learnt by bitter experience that pay, productivity, profits and jobs are all of a piece. The importance of an individual company's ability to pay is now understood. Even so, the feeling persists that the annual settlement on the going rate – often in a national agreement – remains the basis of any final package.

This is a legacy of the years of high inflation, when employees and their trade union representatives naturally took the rise needed to maintain living standards as the starting point for negotiation. The attitude lingers beyond its cause.

Mr Clarke, however, goes much further than this in his call for more flexibility in bargaining. He applauds companies where pay increases are entirely or partly based on performance and merit and bemoans the idea – enshrined in equal pay legislation – that everyone doing the same job should receive the same level of pay. He rejects the "bogus science" of job evaluation and comparability. He is also keen to abolish national pay rates in favour of regional variations that might allow areas of high unemployment in effect to undercut the South East.

The direction in which Mr Clarke wishes to move is clearly the right one. But the logic of some of his suggestions sounds better in a speech than in the day to day operation of industry.

It is, for instance, important to increase management discretion: to reward merit, to differentiate more by grading, promotion and performance bonuses. But it would be unrealistic to suppose that the basic pay levels or pay rises of individual employees' in large companies or organizations should generally be set in this way. This would make the average employer's life impossibly complex.

Abolition of national industrial pay negotiations – often in origin a defensive move by employers – would do much to destroy the mentality of the going rate. But it is simplistic to suppose that whole cities or regions could price themselves back into jobs this way.

The main thrust of Mr Clarke's thinking is directed at the public sector where national agreements are most heavily entrenched and comparability and job evaluation lead to the greatest bureaucratic nonsense. In the case of the teachers, for example, flat rate national agreements make nonsense of the need to match supply and demand locally and have helped to lower standards by submerging payment on merit.

It is, however, easier to expose the lunacy of present arrangements than to construct good alternatives. In the private sector, the spread and growth of profit related pay and bonuses is a golden key to greater flexibility. In the non-commercial public sector – where the Government badly needs to take a lead – there is no single simple mechanism for translating rising national income into the improved living standards in which public servants reasonably want to share.

THE RIOTS IN SPAIN

Renewed violence by Spanish students against the Ministry of Education marks the nemesis of the "Spanish Robbins", the ill-considered masssive expansion of university numbers which took place during the late 50s and the 60s as part of Franco's social revolution. It can also be seen, however, as an indication of the fragility of the newly-forged social consensus in post-Franco Spain.

For its university expansion schemes the Spanish government turned to UNESCO for guidance. As the senior official at the Ministry of Education responsible for universities was to confess ruefully during the mood of post-Franco frankness, UNESCO's plans might have been suitable for Central Africa, but not for Spain.

University growth has outrun both financial and human resources. Lowered entry standards and insufficiency of staff have produced a large student body, many of whom have no hope of eventual professional employment or even of the qualifications which will enable them to seek work abroad as so many Spanish manual workers have done.

The result has been turbulence. The newly re-elected socialist government has set out to do something about it. It has been met by counter demands on the part of student organizations which could only perpetuate overcrowding and under-attainment while throwing yet heavier burdens on the country's overstrained finances.

The students had derived encouragement from the French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac's abandonment of comparable reforms in face of student violence. The rioting students enjoy ample support from the far left. Those trade unions controlled by the left are hoping to support the students, though how far they could bring their membership with them in a real showdown is another matter.

On the far right, the detritus of Francoism, still unreconciled to constitutional government, is as prone to participate in or even initiate political violence as the far left. Its organizers may lack a clear political strategy but they are moved by the hope that political violence of any kind may provoke military intervention and a new Franco.

The constitutional right and centre-right have yet to show the political maturity called for by the situation in post-Franco Spain. They have yet to adapt to the imperatives of winning popular recognition as an alternative government rather than playing politics and hoping that discontent with the Socialist government will automatically return them to office.

If the Socialist government successfully faces down the student mobs it will earn sole credit with the Spanish public and its law-enforcement establishment. If it backs down Spanish democracy as a whole could be the loser.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Putting the land to proper use

From the President of the Country Landowners' Association

Sir, Your leading article, "Friends and countrymen" (February 11), is mistaken. Landowners do not say, "Off with Mr Jopling's head". Landowners welcomed his statement on February 9 as showing that at long last Government is getting to grips with a problem that the Country Landowners' Association saw coming a long time ago.

There is no point in pretending that land will go on growing food that is not wanted. All the alternative uses that Mr Jopling referred to are realistic ways of stopping land from reverting to unkempt scrub which is no good for naturalists or beauty-seekers or the rural economy.

The planning system will not disintegrate merely because the use of agricultural land for development is seen from a different angle. Planning authorities will still be able to refuse permission and will very frequently do so. Land will, however, no longer be frozen into a pattern of agricultural production that the nation has ceased to require.

The great pity is the interdepartmental wrangling that has accompanied this essential shift in Government policy. Since 1976, the Country Landowners' Association has been advocating a Department of Rural Affairs, based on the Ministry of Agriculture. The minister's announcement would surely have been better handled if the department were already in existence.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN NORRIS, President,
Country Landowners' Association,
16 Belgrave Square, SW1.
February 11.

From the Chairman of the Association of Conservation Officers

Sir, The conservation of agricultural land, an irreplaceable resource, has been a fundamental policy of good planning since the war. In that period the loss of land to development, though large, has generally been contained and related to areas of existing public investment.

Agricultural production has increased so that grain yields, for example, approach four tons to the acre, having doubled twice in 40 years. Part of that increase is due to improved mechanisation or biological engineering; but part is due to increased use of pesticides or, more particularly, by ever-increasing use of nitrogen-based fertilizers which now permeate the ground and threaten our water supplies.

Would it not be better for the Minister of Agriculture to limit the use of harmful methods of raising yields rather than offer the prospect of development as the ultimate cash crop?

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL PEARCE
(Chairman, Association of Conservation Officers),
130 Bouverie Avenue South,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

From Viscount Hampden

Sir, The problems facing the rural community cannot be properly resolved whilst the Government continue to confuse income with capital, a difference which the Treasury can never understand.

Agriculture is an income-producing industry, the whole concept based on the farmer having an empty piece of ground and a bag of seeds on Michaelmas day and turning it into grain by the following Michaelmas. Forestry and development in bricks and mortar are capital projects whose annual return is not important.

Farmers need help with their annual income problems. The country may or not need more trees or buildings, but assuming that it does, these developments should be in the hands of the capital providers, not those needing every penny of their output to pay their way.

A simple solution to this conundrum would be to make all rents below a certain level, say, £20 per acre, tax-free in the recipient's hands, on condition that a certain percentage of the surplus, after repairing and management costs, is reinvested by the landowner on rural enterprises on his estate.

The result of this move would be to reduce the cost of farming in areas particularly difficult to farm, leave the rich, fertile and profitable areas to carry on as usual and encourage landowners to provide new enterprises and thus jobs on their estates.

Your obedient servant,
HAMPDEN,
Estate Office, Glynde,
Lewes, East Sussex.

From Councillor B. G. Smalley

Sir, Is the Government using an inverse logic? When there was a need for the nation to become self-sufficient in food production it was deemed necessary to relax planning laws for landowners and farmers. Now that we are over-producing, shouldn't the landowner be subject to the same planning constraints as the rest of the population?

Yours etc,
BRYAN SMALLEY,
The Old Nurseries,
Widford Road,
Much Hadham, Hertfordshire.

Call for reform of secrets Acts

From the Master of St Catherine's College, Oxford

Sir, Your leading article (February 9), which reviewed the conflicting views and practical issues presented by any reform of the Official Secrets Acts, will reinforce scepticism about the prospects of early legislative action.

Nothwithstanding wide support from the freedom of information campaign, can we be confident that any incoming government will differ from previous governments which have preferred to live with the "discredited section two" rather than to resolve the problems of reforming the Official Secrets Acts? And would priority be given to a freedom of information Bill if that should be accepted as an essential feature of reform?

There are reasons to justify positive answers to those questions. First, action to strengthen through legislation the safeguards to national security could not leave section two untouched.

Secondly, the amendment or removal of section two would necessitate a revision of the declaration under the Official Secrets Acts which Civil Servants are required to sign and, more widely, of the Whitehall guidelines for the classification and handling of information.

This would provide the shock to the system which you have advocated; but it would not necessarily lead to greater freedom of information. That could well depend more on the growing pressure for access to personal files or information held by public and other authorities, the subject of a private member's Bill to be debated later this month.

As that Bill illustrates, Parliament is likely to find it increasingly difficult to wait upon whatever the present or a future Government may decide to do, or not to do. Your suggestion of "a comprehensive survey" by a select committee of the Commons points to the most constructive way forward.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK NAIRNE,
St Catherine's College,
Oxford.
February 10.

Sprightly President

From the High Commissioner for Nigeria

Sir, Your brief reference in today's issue (February 10) to rumours concerning the hospitalisation of President Babangida in Paris may cause some concern among your readers who are interested in Nigerian affairs.

President Babangida was actually injured in 1969 in our civil war and this has caused him sometimes severe pain now and again, leading him, for example, to cut short his participation on January 15 this year in a public ceremony commemorating the war. The decision to submit him at this time to surgical treatment was taken by his doctors partly because of convenience, work on the Budget for 1987, in particular, having been concluded.

The inference in the reported rumours of a gunshot wound is that he is the victim of a recent incident. This is not at all the case. Nigerian press reports and photographs of his departure for the treatment clearly showed him to be his old ebullient self, in good spirits and as humorous as ever. His steps were becoming of his profession – sprightly.

Yours faithfully,
G. DOVE-EDWIN,
Office of the High
Commissioner for Nigeria,
9 Northumberland Avenue, WC2.

Human rights

From Mr Tom Stoppard

Sir, A year ago this week there took place a "roll call" at the National Theatre of the names of some 10,000 Soviet Jews waiting to leave the USSR. Your readers may be interested to know that nine tenths of those names are still on the list; and, of course, new names have been added.

Mr Gorbachov has promised a relaxation of emigration procedures. This is excellent news which so far has brought about a change of style but not of substance. The January, 1987, figure (92 emigrants) is lower than in January, 1986.

This may indicate only that bureaucratic wheels turn slowly. I hope that it will be possible to write to you next year to report a much changed situation.

Yours faithfully,
TOM STOPPARD,
Iver Grove,
Iver, Buckinghamshire.
February 10.

From Mr Denis V. Arnold

Sir, Your correspondent, Councillor G. I. Mitchinson (February 6), refers to a motion put to his (Harlow) District Council condemning the persecution of religious believers in the Soviet Union.

Whilst this is indeed a worthy motion in its own right, is it not time that members of district and other local councils ceased to debate international and other issues of a similar level? Surely, they should confine their activities and devote their time to local matters that come under this jurisdiction, and for which they are responsible to the people who elected them.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS V. ARNOLD,
1 Belle Vue Cottages,
Osmotherley, North Yorkshire.

Plainer English

From Dr J. A. D. Ewart

Sir, If Professor Honey (February 11) is right we must use such honeyed words as "May I take this opportunity of wishing you a pleasant and prosperous morning" rather than the curt and brutal "Morning", which may do psychological harm.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. D. EWART,
Delgany, Solesbridge Lane,
Chorleywood,
Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

Boat Race troubles

From Mr Patrick G. R. Delafield

Sir, In his vilification of Dan Topolsky (normally the exclusive privilege of Cambridge men), Jonathan Fish (article, February 7) clearly demonstrates his inability to grasp the problems facing a Boat Race coach, his coaching team and the president.

It was the absence of unpleasant in-fighting and public laundering of linen that maintained, in part, the spirit of Cambridge's crews and supporters over that infamous decade of losses and made our attitudes the envy of a number of admirable Oxford men who must now be viewing with some misgiving the possibility of a return to their dismal days in the early seventies when one was hard pressed to count an Oxford man on the land at Putney.

May I once again be permitted to remark, in the context of this sad affair, as I did when you kindly allowed me the courtesy of your columns on March 9, 1983, that the Boat Race is far too important to be left to the competitors?

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK DELAFIELD,
La Fosse, Trinity,
Jersey, Channel Islands.

Ungracious note?

From Mr David H. Wells

Sir, In his comments on the new stage production of *High Society* (February 7) Benny Green makes understandable references back to the very popular film and the vocal prowess of Crosby and Sinatra.

However, when he asserts that none of the principals in the new version has any track record as a singer he is surely being grossly unfair to Angela Richards, who has been delighting the discerning musical playgoer for years.

Come to think of it, what sort of musical track record did Grace Kelly ever have?

Yours faithfully,
D. H. WELLS,
10/98 Cottenham Park Road,
West Wimbledon, SW20.

Future of Ulster

From Mr Vernon Bogdanor

Sir, T. E. Utley ("Wily or stupid in Ulster?", February 2) does no service to the Unionists of Northern Ireland, whose cause he supports, by calling "for the British Government to resolve to govern the province as far as possible like any other part of the United Kingdom". For the truth is that, since 1974, when the Ulster Unionists broke with their Conservative allies, none of the British parties has been able to win a seat in Northern Ireland; while those who have stood with a British political label have achieved a quite derisory vote.

Politics in Northern Ireland is not about the socio-economic issues which divide the British parties, but about the border and the balance of representation within and between communal parties. As long as this is so, the integration of Northern Ireland within the United Kingdom along the lines proposed by Mr Utley will remain a chimera.

The Anglo-Irish Agreement is supported by all the main British political parties and was given overwhelming parliamentary endorsement. If destroyed by direct action on the part of Unionists, fuelled by conspiracy theories such as are raised in Mr Utley's article, then the consequences for Northern Ireland and for the Union would be serious indeed.

Surely Mr Utley, together with other supporters of the Union, should be using his influence to persuade the Unionists to accept the decision of the Parliament to which they claim allegiance and loyalty.

Yours faithfully,

VERNON BOGDANOR,
Brasenose College, Oxford.

From Mr Andrew Bryson

Sir, Mr T. E. Utley links the "problem" in Northern Ireland with the fact that the province is not governed in the same way as the rest of the country.

Dangerous thinking indeed! For who is responsible for the differences between the ways the two parts of the country are governed? The British Government and the British political parties.

Lloyd George's Government of Ireland Act (1920) imposed devolution on a region intrinsically unsuited to it, and in the teeth of sustained opposition from Carson and Craig. On top of that, the British parties then refused to function in the province, thereby ensuring that politics in the region would become stuck in a communal groove.

The question is: when are the Conservative, Labour, SDP and Liberal parties – i.e., those parties who either govern, or aspire to govern, Great Britain and Northern Ireland – going to make themselves accountable to the electorate not only in Great Britain, but in Northern Ireland as well? When are they going to offer themselves as a serious alternative to the "tribal" politics they are always complaining about?

Mr Utley is right to suggest that the only way forward is to include Ulster in the same system of government as the rest of the UK. But no democrat need be shame-faced about such a proposal: for the corollary is that you would be restoring effective democracy and normal politics to a region whose present troubles flow directly from the lack of them.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW BRYSON.
16 Northampton Park, N1.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 13 1861

The revolt described below was quelled the same day by an armed posse of soldiers and police, some 900 strong. Harsh retribution followed; 90 ringleaders were flogged, each receiving 36 lashes

REVOLT OF THE CONVICTS AT CHATHAM.

CHATHAM, FEB. 12.

For several weeks past the most mutinous spirit has prevailed among several hundreds of the inmates of the prison, and although very severe measures have been resorted to by the authorities removing a number of the worst characters to Millbank and Pentonville, yet all attempts have proved comparatively ineffectual to restore order . . .

Immediately after the outbreak on Friday, about 20 of the principal actors in that mutiny were chained together and placed in one cell, to await an order from Captain Gambier as to the punishment to be inflicted on them. Throughout the whole of Saturday and following days these men kept up a continual disturbance in the prison, which was taken up by the other convicts in the cells, and at times the noises made by their hootings and yells were completely overpowering . . . On the usual gangs being formed in the prison yard, several of the convicts again refused to go to their work, and some of them commenced assaulting the keepers and warders who had them in charge. At a preconcerted signal about 150 convicts made a sudden rush on the keepers whom they quickly succeeded in overpowering, and almost at the same instant the other convicts, who were out of their cells waiting to commence work, turned upon their keepers, assailing them with fearful oaths, and threatening to massacre the whole of them. At this time several hundred convicts were free from all control, and, the keys of the cells having been forced from the warders, those who were in the cells were quickly released . . .

The wildest uproar now ensued, the whole of the prisoners being loose within the prison, and ready for any excesses. Captain Gambier, who happened to be within the building, together with Captain Powell, the governor, Mr. Measor, deputy-governor, and the other principal officers of the establishment, were soon among the convicts, whom they endeavoured to induce to proceed to their cells. Having, however, to contend with upwards of 1,000 of the most depraved ruffians, and the guard only numbering 150 men, their efforts were entirely useless, and, from the fierce threats used towards the officers, there is little doubt that murder would have been committed had any attempt to interfere with the convicts been resorted to. After overpowering the keepers, a large body of convicts rushed to the office of Captain Powell, where they commenced destroying all the books, papers, accounts, and other official documents connected with the prison, smashing the whole of the windows, and destroying every article of furniture on which they could wreak their vengeance. An attempt was then made to set fire to the prison, and the building was actually fired in several places. The warders, however, at great risk to themselves, got out the hose and also the fire engine, which is always kept ready at the prison, and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Numerous bands of convicts then proceeded to destroy every article within the prison on which they could lay their hands, valuable clocks being wantonly smashed, and several costly instruments called "noctaries," which are used at night to register the visits of the warders, being smashed to atoms. Scarcely a pane of glass was left whole in the prison, the most terrible havoc being committed on everything which came in the way of the infuriated ruffians . . .

As soon as it was ascertained that all hope of restoring order, without the assistance of the military, was at an end, messengers were despatched to the garrison for a strong body of troops, and also to the dockyard for the Metropolitan police and the guard always on duty at that establishment. . . .

Unequal seating

From Mr Antony Jacobs

Sir, As your article, "How to take the polls apart" (February 3) rightly indicates, if the Tories were to poll 40 per cent of the vote they would gain 321 seats whilst if the Alliance were to poll 20 per cent of the vote they would gain just 17.

Of course, Alliance supporters are told to stop whingeing and to concentrate on gaining the same level of support as the Tories and Labour achieve; then all would be well. Regrettably, this is simply not true. If, for example, Tories, Labour and Alliance were each to gain 33 per cent of the votes, very roughly the Conservatives would gain 260 seats, Labour 290 seats and Alliance 75 seats.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY JACOBS,
(Joint Treasurer, Liberal Party),
9 Nottingham Terrace, NW1.

Digging up the past

From Mr Brian Read

Sir, Lord Hertford (report, February 10) is not the first member of his family to damage a valuable archaeological find. Two hundred years ago his ancestor, General Henry Seymour Conway (1721-1795), who was born at Ragley Hall, shipped a unique megalithic monument that had been discovered in Jersey in 1785 to his home at Park Place, Henley. The Society of Antiquaries was so indignant that it refused to accept Conway when he applied for membership.

Yours sincerely,
BRAIN READ,
50 St Mark's Road,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 12: Mr Wilson Ifunaoa was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as High Commissioner for the Solomon Islands in London.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), received Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathan Hall upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Regiment and Lieutenant-Colonel Mel Jameson upon assuming the appointment.

His Excellency Mr A R Parsons and Mrs Parsons were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave of His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Australia in London.

Major Shane Blewitt had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen this afternoon visited the National Portrait Gallery and was received upon arrival by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Mrs Terence Mallinson) and the Chairman of the Trustees of the Gallery (the Lord Kenyon).

Her Majesty, escorted by the Director of the Gallery (Dr John Hayes), viewed the Exhibition "Elizabeth II: Portrait of Sixty Years", and visited the 17th Century and 20th Century Galleries.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr Robert Fellowes, Sir Oliver Millar and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, the Royal Bencher, this evening attended a Reception and Dinner given by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple at the Inner Temple.

Major Anthony Mather was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of York visited Oxford Airport, Kidlington today, where Her Royal Highness received her private pilot's licence from the Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority (Mr Christopher Tugendhat).

Their Royal Highnesses were received upon arrival at the Airport by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt).

Miss Helen Hughes and Wing Commander Adam Wise were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 12: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Stepney Jewish Clubs and Settlement.

Lady Elizabeth Basset and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 12: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as President, was present this morning at a Meeting of the Ladies' Guild of the St John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem held at 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London, SW1.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Transport, received Major General W Bate on relinquishing the appointment as Colonel Commandant and Major General P Blunt on assuming the appointment as Representative Colonel Commandant.

The Duke of Gloucester, Joint Honorary Colonel, Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), today attended a Luncheon with officers of the Regiment which was held at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London SW1.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, chancellor, will visit Salford University at 10.15.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of Girls' Public Day School Trust, will attend a service of thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey at 10.55 and will attend a reception at Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, to mark the occasion of the centenary of Streatham Hill and Clapham High School at 12.35.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Kennel Club, will visit Crufts Dog Show at 10.15.

The Crown Prince of Liechtenstein celebrates his birthday today.

Birthdays today

Lieutenant-General Sir Roger Bower, 84; Earl Cadogan, 73; Dr J.P. Clayton, 66; Miss M.E. Collins, 60; Dr D.G. Hessayon, 59; Professor Sir Jack Lewis, 59; Lord Manners, 64; Lord Peyton of Yeovil, 68; Mr Francis Pym, MP, 65; Mr Oliver Reed, 49; Miss Margaretta Scott, 75; M Georges Simenon, 84; Professor Lord Stamp, 80; Dr Donald Sykes, 57.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Hunter, physiologist and surgeon, East Kilbride, 1728; Lord Randolph Churchill, statesman, Blenheim Palace, 1849.

DEATHS: Catherine Howard, fifth wife of Henry VIII, executed London, 1542; Benvenuto Cellini, sculptor and goldsmith, Florence, 1571; Richard Wagner, Venice, 1883; Georges Roualt, Expressionist painter, Paris, 1938.

Church House

The Corporation of the Church House, not the General Synod, owns Church House, Westminster (report, February 6). The Corporation will ultimately decide its future, including the possibility of disposing of it, if the Synod decides to transfer its operations.

The Mountbatten Festival of Music 1987

Admiral of the Fleet Sir John and Lady Fieldhouse were the principal guests last night at the second performance of the 1987 Mountbatten Festival of Music, given by the massed bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines at the Albert Hall in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, Royal Navy and Royal Marines and other service charities.

The festival, which is held each year, provides continuing tribute to the late Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, formerly Honorary Life Colonel Commandant of the Royal Marines.

The Commandant General Royal Marines and Lady Wilkins were the hosts. Other principal guests included:

The Minister of State for the Armed Forces and Mrs Stanley, the Second Sea Lord and Lady Fitch, the Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff and Lady Hine, Lieutenant-General Sir John and Lady Chapple, the Masters of the Plaisterers' and Musicians' companies and their ladies and the Very Rev W. Baddeley, Chairman of the Trustees of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

The Hall, Hampstead

The Governors and Headmaster of The Hall, Hampstead, 1889-1989, entertained parents and friends of the school at Stationers' Hall, London, EC4 on February 12 to launch the centenary building appeal.

By 1989, a major new building to improve and enlarge provision for games, music, drama, and the sciences will be completed. A history of The Hall is to be published. Receptions for old boys are being arranged. All details from the Appeal Director, The Hall, 23 Crossfield Road, London, NW3 4NU.

Sir David Robinson

A memorial service for Sir David Robinson will be held in the Chapel and Auditorium of Robinson College, Cambridge, at 2.30 pm on Saturday, March 7, 1987. Those attending are requested to be seated by 2.15 pm.

Prof Glyn Daniel

A memorial service for Professor Glyn Daniel will be held in the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge, at noon on Saturday, February 28, 1987.

Oxford University Air Squadron

Sir Michael Howard, Regius Professor of Modern History at Oxford University, and Air Marshal Sir Anthony Skingsley, Air Member for Personnel, were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Oxford University Air Squadron held last night at their headquarters in Manor Road. Squadron Leader P.F. Heatley, Commanding Officer, presided. The other guests included:

Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris, Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, OM, the AOC and Commandant of RAF College, Cranwell, the Master of University College, the Dean of Christ Church, the Master of Pembroke College, the Principal of Hertford College, the Master of St Catherine's College, the Principal of Mansfield College and the Commandant of the Royal Military College of Science.

Sale room

A testing time in New York

By Huon Mallalieu

On Wednesday afternoon in New York Sotheby's held a sale of middle-rank impressionist and modern works, testing the water for the more important sales later in the spring. So far the temperature seems fine, since a total of $4,313,540 or £2,712,918 was recorded, with a mere five 5 per cent bought in.

For the most part these were pleasing and uncontroversial works, and dealers in particular were prepared to pay highly for anything that was obviously and appropriately attractive. Thus a calm view of the open air theatre and harbour at Algiers painted by Albert Marquet, which would have made an admirable illustration to a novel by Camus, sold for $231,000 or £145,283 against an estimate of only from $30,000-40,000.

A young girl, or rather the young girl, playing a guitar, by Marie Laurencin, went to the European trade at $181,500 or £114,151 (estimate $60,000-80,000), and a New York dealer paid $176,000 or £110,692 for "Les Bains Marie-Christine Trouville" by Raoul Dufy (estimate $50,000-70,000).

As a pleasure to have on the wall it would be hard to find better than Henri Martin's "La Vallée", which sold for $170,500 or £107,233 (estimate $60,000-80,000). This was a purple and green impression of a village awakening in the hazy early morning of a perfect day.

Baroness Trumpington, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health, having her pulse checked yesterday by undergraduate nurse Katheryn Powell as part of an 'MOT for humans'. Nurses from the Chelsea College conducted the checks on members of the public in London to raise money for the charity Nursing Aid. (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.C. Campbell
and Miss C.L. Knowles
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Sir Colin and Lady Campbell, of Kilbryde Castle, Dunblane, Perthshire, and Carole Lesley, younger daughter of Mr Geoffrey Knowles, of Cornton, Stirling, and of Mrs Trevor Walton, of Llandovery, Wales.

Mr T.J. Kendal
and Miss H. Cowen
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Merton Kendal, of Hale, Cheshire, and Helena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Cowen, of Kingsbury, London.

Mr M.W.H. Davies
and Miss B.A.M. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Davies, of Chipstead, Surrey, and Beverley, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Wesley Wilson, of Belfast.

Mr K. Davey
and Miss S.P. Heal
The engagement is announced between Keith, only son of Mrs D.A. Davey, of Freshwater, Isle of Wight, and Sarah, second daughter of Mr and Mrs C.G. Heal, of Teddington, Middlesex.

Mr S.A. Gronmark
and Miss S.V. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Scott Alexander, son of the late Colonel O.J. (Olai) Gronmark and Mrs I. Gronmark, and Sara Victoria, daughter of the late Geoffrey Wilson, CBE, and Mrs D. Wilson, 34 Church Street, Padstow.

Mr A.J. Edwards
and Miss R.P. Kind
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Edwards, of Arlington, East Sussex, and Philippa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Guenter Kind, of Gummersbach, Germany.

Mr P.D. Martin
and Miss R.S. Davies
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.G.H. Martin, of Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset, and Rosanna Stuart, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Peter Davies, of Yew Trees, Broad Hinton, Wiltshire.

Mr H.E. de Noord
and Miss J. Norman
The engagement is announced between Harry Eizo, son of Mr and Mrs M. de Noord, of Arnhem, Holland, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F.W. Norman-Williams, of Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset.

Mr I.J. Maccabe
and Miss F.M. Gore
The engagement is announced between Irvine, second son of Mr and Mrs J.J. Maccabe, of Dulwich Village, London, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.C. Gore, of Binfield, Berkshire.

Mr A.G. Harris
and Miss A.G.F. Giri
The engagement is announced between Antony, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel Donald Harris, of Perth, Western Australia, and Mrs Pauline Gage, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, and Alexandra, only daughter of Surgeon Captain and Mrs George Giri, of Mancor de Valle, Mallorca.

Mr T.G. Cave
and Miss M. Sealey
The engagement is announced between Timothy Graham, son of the late Mr J.K. Cave and of Mrs S.C. Cave, of Hayling Island, Hampshire, and Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.E. Sealey, of Edinburgh.

Professor A.S. Goudie
and Dr H.A. Viles
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mrs M.I. Goudie and the late Mr W.C. Goudie, of Cheltenham, and Heather, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Viles, of Chelmsford.

Mr A.J. Buchanan
and Miss B.J. Grover
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs David Buchanan, of Bath, Avon, and Bronwen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Grover, of Teddington, Middlesex.

Mr P.V.H. Greaves
and Dr P.M. Hobhouse
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs Victor Greaves, of Heswall, Wirral, and Penny, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Hobhouse, of Nercwys, Clwyd.

Oxford post for Ralf Dahrendorf

Professor Ralf Dahrendorf (right) is to be the new Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford. Prof Dahrendorf, aged 57, is professor of social science at Konstanz University, West Germany, and is currently on sabbatical leave at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York.

He is a former Director of the London School of Economics and Political Science. He succeeds Sir Raymond Carr.

Service Luncheon

Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)

The Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Colonel of the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), presided at a luncheon held at the Army and Navy Club yesterday. Colonel E.D. Smeeden and Lieutenant-Colonel J.G.H. Robertson were the hosts and the principal guests were General Sir Hugh Beach, Chief Royal Engineer, and Lady Beach.

Service Dinners

TA&VRA for Greater London

Colonel G.S.P. Carden presided at a dinner given by the Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for Greater London at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, last night. Among those present were:

Sir Edward Du Cann, MP, Colonel Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, Major-General A J Trythall, Brigadier W K L Prosser, members of the association and officers commanding TA units.

Kaldor bequest

Lord Kaldor, the Hungarian-born economist who was special adviser to Labour administrations in the 1960s and 70s and who died last September, aged 78, left estate in the UK valued at £600,843 net.

Bequests included £5,000 to the London School of Economics for the support of overseas students, preferably from Hungary, and his library of books, pamphlets and periodicals on economics (other than his published and unpublished works, manuscripts and letters, and any unfinished works) to King's College, Cambridge.

Dinner

Association of Lancastrians in London

Mr Norman Tebbit, MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was the guest speaker at the annual City dinner of the Association of Lancastrians in London held last night at the Brewery, Chiswell Street. Lord Shuttleworth, president, presided and among those present were:

Lord Hacking, Sir William Barlow, Sir Herbert Durkin, Sir Robert Somerville, the Common Serjeant in the City of London, Mr M K Ridley, Major P Clarke, Mr W H Butler, Mr R B Dunn, Mr F W Hicks, Mr C Grandage, Mr J D Dwyer, Mr N L Galloway and their ladies.

A message of greeting was sent to the Queen, the Duke of Lancaster, Patron, and a reply was received.

Luncheon

Lord Mayor of Westminster

The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Terence Mallinson gave a luncheon yesterday at City Hall in honour of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, who were accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs Hugh Bidwell and Colonel J.C.M Ansell. Other guests included:

Sir Philip Powell, CH, and Lady Powell, Mr and Mrs Christopher Benson, Mr and Mrs Jack Bonnington, Mrs Tanis du Parc Braham, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Fleet, Mr and Mrs Brian Hill, Mr Michael Mallinson, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Rainbird, Mr and Mrs Richard Rogers, Mr and Mrs L A L Rolland, Mr N A Ward-Jones and Mr James Thomas.

Time Magazine

Mr Robert P. Mountain, Jr, *Time* Magazine's European Managing Director, was host at a dinner party held last evening at Annabel's for guests from the international advertising community in London. Mr Reg Brack, Chief Executive of Time Inc's Magazine Group in New York, and Mr Ed McCarrick, associate international publishing director, attended together with senior management from *Time's* European operation.

OBITUARY

MR FRANK SMITH

A formidable city figure

Frank Smith, formerly deputy chairman of Warburgs, merchant bank, died on February 9. He was 80.

Educated at King's College School, Wimbledon, (of which he later became a governor) he joined Warburgs in 1945 at the late age of 38, after working as a chartered accountant and in the property world.

In 1955 he became an executive director and remained on the board until he retired in 1972.

The 1950s and 1960s were the formative years of corporate finance business. Frank Smith, as head of corporate finance ar Warburgs, and a man of wide influence in the city, was involved sometimes in the forefront and sometimes as a wise adviser in the background in many of the major transactions of those two decades.

He had exhaustive knowledge and a financial mind which operated with great rigour and at electric speed.

His conclusions were often startling in their originality. Many of the techniques regarded as routine in today's takeovers owe much to his innovative mind.

He was also persuasive in argument, determined in pressing his point of view, an astute tactician and a meticulous and often polemical draftsman. These qualities made him daunting to his opponenets and to his subordinates, a demanding but always a fair task master.

But for all the steel there was no ice in his character. His warm personality and mischievous wit gained the friendship of colleagues and competitors alike.

Above all, he was respected for his formidable craftsmanship. Though lacking flamboyance, he will certainly be remembered as one of the great city figures of his generation.

After his retirement he sat on a number of boards in various roles. One of these posts, his chairmanship of St Martins Property Company, ended in misfortune in 1974, when he was censured by the Takeover Panel and felt obliged to resign.

In the complex matter concerned, however, it was widely realised that, faced with an acute dilemma, he had acted with complete devotion to his shareholders' interests. His reputation for integrity was unimpaired.

He leaves a widow, Sheila,a son and a daughter.

SISTER PATRICIA

Sister Patricia, who died on February 4, at the age of 95, fought a ceaseless fight against drug-taking.

Many people who were in their teens or early twenties during the last decade will have cause to remember with gratitude the force of her warnings on the dangers of narcotics.

She was born Kathleen Elizabeth Rowney, on August 3, 1891, the daughter of an army doctor, and spent much of her youth in India.

She originally thought of a career in music. She was at that time an Anglo-Catholic with leanings towards Rome. But a sermon in Westminster Cathedral, which fiercely condemned Anglo-Catholicism, put her off joining the Roman Catholic Church.

Soon afterwards she met a sister of the Community of St Mary the Virgin, Wantage. As a result, she decided to join the Community. It became her home for 69 years.

In 1924 she was sent to teach in St Mary's School, Poona, where she spent 10 years, eventually becoming Superior.

Invalided home, she then taught at St Mary's School, Wantage, and then, in 1939, became a Novice Mistress at the community of the Holy Rood in Swindon.

In 1946 she went to Spelthorne St Mary, Surrey, founded, in 1876, to care for alcoholics and drug addicts. She spent 20 years there, as Sister Superior.

In 1967 she returned to Wantage with considerable experience of how to treat addiction. In that year she was asked by John Dancy, then Master of Marlborough, to talk to the boys of the College about drugs.

Her visit was an unqualified success and soon she was flooded with requests to speak at institutions all over the country, including prisons. She visited hundreds with her message.

By 1970 she had become a household name. Heroin, hashish, amphetamines and LSD had begun to make their impact in Britain. Parents, teachers, and the potential victims, knew little about the effects of any of them, or much about how they were distributed.

The reaction of educational and other authorities was often one of ignorance, fear and the dread of publicity. The natural temptation was to sweep revelations of drug-taking under the carpet.

Sister Patricia would have none of this. With compelling authority she insisted that the facts must be faced and the threat combatted. In her talks she was stark in her descriptions of what happened to people who took drugs, and of the means by which they were peddled.

Many of her listeners at first reacted with shock. But this gave way to gratitude for her directness and her underlying compassion. These qualities enabled her to exert influence on people of all ages.

In 1971, at the age of 80, she was invited to talk to an audience in Rome, and this visit was followed by several overseas tours.

Though always the grande dame she never lost her faith in young people, admiring their self-awareness but pitying what she saw as their possession of money without responsibility.

In the last years of her life she followed closely the battle being fought with renewed intensity against the continually increasing threat.

Sister Patricia conveyed an impression of greatness which commanded respect. She was also a great leveller, caring for all, regardless of class or rank.

She will be remembered for her stand against evil, her sympathy with the victims, and for her lively sense of humour.

MR F. G. BROWN

Mr Francis George Brown, FRES, who died recently at the age of 79, served for most of his professional life, as an officer of the Malayan and Sarawak Forest Service.

He was also an entomologist of international reputation, specialising in bark and ambrosia beetles.

Born on November 3, 1907, he went out to Malaya in 1929, and served as a state forest officer. When the Japanese overran Malaya he escaped to Sumatra.

Captured there, however, he was put to work on the notorious Burma-Siam railway, an experience which, miraculously, left him mentally and phsyically unscathed.

After the war he returned to Malaya, but in 1950 went to Sarawak as Conservator of Forests. Apart from overseeing a spectacular increase in Sarawak's timber export trade, he was responsible for its first national park.

In 1959 he retired so that he could, as he put it, spend his declining years playing with beetles.

After a short period in west Africa he returned to England. He spent a great deal of time in the Coleoptera department of the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, where he examined specimens sent in from all over the world, describing and naming new species.

He completely rearranged the collection of Scolytidae, a task for which his experience uniquely qualified him. He also published a wide range pf papers.

Among his principal works was *The Biology of Malayan Scolytidae and Platipodidae*, published in Kuala Lumpur in 1961.

He bequeathed his own beetle collection and associated papers to the Natural History Museum.

He was a life member of the Commonwealth Forestry Association, and was responsible for its massive report, *Pests and Diseases of Forest Plantation Trees*, published in 1968.

Brown was elected a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society in 1961.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis.

Inner Temple

Examination scholarships 1987

The following awards have been made on the results of the competitive examination held this year:

The Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Scholarship of £5,000: T W Lowe, LLB of LSE, LLM of Jesus College, Cambridge; Inner Temple scholarship of £4,600: B Carr, BSc, of LSE; Inner Temple scholarship of £4,000: Sue L Carr, BA, of Trinity College, Cambridge; Inner Temple scholarship of £3,500: A Oyebanji, BA, of Birmingham University.

Duke of Edinburgh entrance scholarships, which defray the cost of admission to the Inn and Call to the Bar, have been awarded to the following:-

Mr P J Anderson of Lancashire Poly; Mr T St J Berriman of Lancashire Poly; Mr A J Bird, BA of Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Mr D R Brown of Queen Mary Coll, London; Mr S P Catchpole, BA of St Cuthbert's Society, Durham; Mr S C Chapman of Bristol Univ; Mr J J Clark of Kingston Poly School of Law; Mr N A Clark, BA of Leeds Univ; Mr H K Crowson, LLB of Leeds Univ; Miss J H Cumming, SRN, and of Univ Coll Cardiff; Miss Katherine Davey, BA of Christ's Coll, Cambridge; Mr M J Druce of Sidney Sussex Coll, Cambridge; Miss Christine Ffoulkes, LLB of Nene Coll, Northampton; Miss M A K G Fitzgerald of Univ Coll Cardiff; Miss S Forsyth of Univ Coll Cardiff; Miss S Gibbons of Nottingham Univ; Mr S Gilchrist, BA of St Chad's Coll, Durham.

Mr S A Gorton of Queen Mary Coll, London; Mr C W Hames, LLB of Sheffield Univ; Mr P J Harrison, BA of St John's Coll, Durham; Mr S G Hellman, BA of Hertford Coll, Oxford; Mr David Jabbari, LLB of the Univ of Warwick, and of Worcester Coll, Oxford; Mr N R Johnson, BA of Leeds Univ; Mr S C W Kenny, BA, BCL of Worcester Coll, Oxford; Mr Mark Kessler of Kingston Poly; Miss R F Le Mesurier, BA of Sussex Univ; Mr S J Liken, LLB of Queen Mary Coll, London; Mr M K L Lim of Keele Univ; Mr A J Maguire of Hull Univ; Miss R H Mandil-Wade, BA of City of London Poly; Miss C M McGalvey of Queens' Coll, Cambridge; Mr S J Mooney, LLB of Hull Univ; Mr T O M Mphahlele, BA of the Univ of Witwatersrand, S. Africa, LLB of Hull Univ; Miss G Patel of Birmingham Univ; Mr M K Rastan, BA of St John's Coll, Cambridge.

Miss P G Robertson, BA of Balliol Coll, Oxford; Mr N E Rowland, BA of Bristol Univ; Mr J S Roy of Queen Mary Coll, London; Mr S G Schaw Miller, BA of Exeter Coll, Oxford; Mr R M Seabrook, BA of Manchester Poly; Miss F M Sinclair, BA of Jesus Coll, Cambridge; Mr Joseph Stone, BA of Manchester Univ; Mr J M Swift of New Coll, Oxford; Mr N E H Tarbitt of Leicester Poly; Mr I S Thorp, LLB of Hull Univ; Miss C L Wager of Queen Mary Coll, London; Miss D D Walker of Leicester Poly; Miss L A Weeden-Padgham, BA of Essex Inst of HE, Chelmsford; Mr H J Witcomb of Durham Univ.

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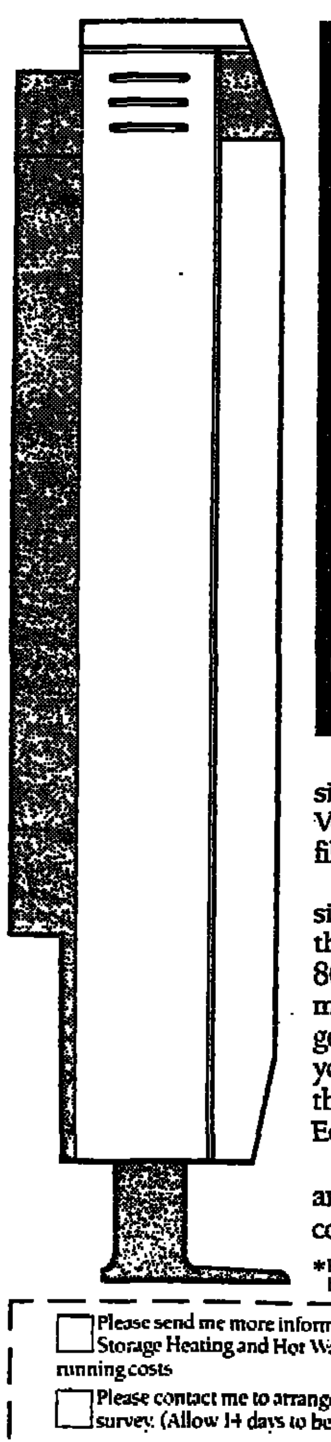

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

For the Lord giveth wisdom out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 2 : 6

BIRTHS

HERN - On February 5th, to Jane (née Cooke) and David, a son William Michael.

KINSON - On February 11th, at ueen Charlotte's, to Pam (née Williams) and Martin, a daughter, aroline Olivia Clare, a sister for icholas.

CASNEY - On February 7th to Lisa ée Fletcher) and Paul, a daughter Nicky Sarah.

COKE - On February 11th 1987, to Henrietta (nee Chandler) and Jonathan, a son.

DAISON - On February 11th, at Princes Christian Hospital, Windsor, to Catherine (née Harvey) and Peter, a son.

HAIDON-CAVE - On February 11th 1987, to Amanda (née Law) and Charles, a daughter Alexandra Charlotte.

HOLT - On February 9th 1987, at St Luke's Hospital, Guildford, to Alexandra (née Butler) and Terence, a daughter, Isobel Mary.

HOWLAND - On February 3rd, at Guildford, to Sue (née Haines) and Roger, a son James Edward Charles, a brother for Bethany and Sophie.

KEMP-GEE - On February 10th, to Lucy (née Lyttelton) and Mark, a son, John Andrew, a brother for Henry and Robert.

PORTER - On February 12th, in Australia, to Suzanne (née Webb) and Tom, a son Robert Hugh, a brother for Katie and Sally.

RICHARDSON - On February 8th, at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Maggie (née Needham) and Joe, a daughter, Virginia Frances, a sister for Prue and Charles.

THORNE - On February 11th, to Dini and Ian, a daughter, Megan, a sister for Fiona and Suzanna and Amy.

WARREN - On February 11th, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital London, to Deborah (née Orme) and Simon, a daughter Chloe.

WILSON - On February 10th, at The Whittington Hospital, to Rachel and Robert, a son, Joshua Lottenville, a brother for Sebastian and Lydia.

YASUKAWA - On February 3rd in Tokyo, to Bridget (née Parry) and Tatsuya (Tachi), a daughter, Olivia Hana.

MARRIAGES

MCQUATER:CARRUTHERS - On February 10th 1987, at Misterton, Leicestershire. The marriage of Andrew Mcquater and Jane Carruthers was blessed.

DEATHS

BERGER - On February 11th 1987, peacefully in her sleep, Alison Hathorn Compton, beloved wife for 49 years of John Berger of Bilbrook, Somerset and only Daughter of the late Sir Harley and Lady Dalrymple-Hay. No flowers by request donations in lieu if desried to The Wild Fowl trust. All enquiries to H.Hawkes and Son, Irnham Road Tel: Minehead 6123.

BOGDANOVIC - On February 8th 1987, Branislav (Bruno), aged 72 years. Funeral service at the Serbian Orthodox Church, Lancaster Road, London W11, on Saturday February 14th at 1pm. Interment at Brookwood Cemetery. Flowers or Donations to the church.

BURTT - On February 11th 1987, peacefully in a York nursing home, Henry Burtt O.B.E., aged 94 years, of Dowsby Hall, husband of the late Christine, father of Stephen and Josie. Funeral at Grantham Crematorium on Tuesday February 17th at 3.30pm. No flowers please.

GLANVILLE - On February 10th 1987, after a short illness, Thomas Clifford. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday February 17th at 3.15pm.

GREEN - On February 10th, at The London Hospital, Claud, beloved husband of Pam, father of Jeremy and Rodney. Service to be held at St Mary's, South Woodford, on Wednesday 18th February at 11.30am. Followed by cremation. Family only. No flowers, donations to the London Hospital, Chest Research.

HARMAN - On February 11th, John Wallis Gill Harman, aged 68. Dearly loved husband of Caroline, of Birchcroft, Compton, Winchester. Funeral at Compton Parish Church on Wednesday February 18th at 2 pm. Family flowers only.

HESSENBERG - On February 10th 1987, W.C.F. Hessenberg M.A., O.B.E., F.I.M., aged 77 years, dearly beloved husband of Micky and much loved father of Karin, Christina and Rosie. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 12 Noon Thursday 19th February.

HONRI - On February 10th 1987, peacefully at Moorlands, Lightwater, Surrey, aged 83, Baynham Honri, FRPS, FBKS, BSC. Dear Brother, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Cremation at St Johns Crematorium, Brookwood, Monday 16th February 9.30am. Family Flowers only, donations to Cinema & TV Benevolent Fund, Royalty House, 72, Dean Street, London W1.

HOWARTH - On February 10th 1987, suddenly at the Ian Charles Hospital, Grantown-on-Spey, Walter Kenneth, aged [illegible] years, dearly beloved husband of Violet (Bambi) Howarth. Funeral at the Inveravan Church, Ballindalloch at 11.30am on Saturday 14th February followed by interment at Downar Cemetery, Glenliv

KELLY - On February 11th, peacefully, Group Captain Piers Kelly, D.F.C., RAF (Rtd.), beloved husband of Pamela and dear father of Geoffrey and Linda. Funeral service at St. Edward's Church, Sutton Park, Guildford on Friday, February 20th, at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. All enquiries to Woking Funeral Service (04862) 61754.

MACDONALD-BUCHANAN - On February 12th 1987, at Cottesbrooke, the Honourable Lady Macdonald-Buchanan C St J, aged 92. Funeral service at All Saints, Cottesbrooke, Northamptonshire, on Thursday February 19th at 11.30am.

OSBORNE - On February 9th 1987, peacefully at home in Wales, Dr. Denis Callender, MD, much loved by his family and friends. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to "The British Red Cross Society" may be given to Gwilym Price and Son, Funeral Directors, 1&2 College Street, Lampeter, Dyfed.

PHILLPOTTS - On February 11th, suddenly at home after a long illness, Alan Francis, husband of Diana and father of Mary and Nancy. Funeral private with family flowers only but donations to The Chest, Heart and Stroke Association care of Hunters Solicitors, 9 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3QN. Memorial services to be announced later.

PLASTOW - On February 10th, peacefully at Lynwood, Ascot, James Stewart Plastow, aged 89, a dear father and grandfather. Inquiries to Lines & Bannister, 69 High Street, Ascot. Tel: 0990 20266.

POORE - On February 12th 1987, peacefully at home, R. Dennis, much loved husband, father and Grandfather. Private funeral, with a Memorial service to be held at St Lawrence Jewry, Next Guildhall, City of London. On Wednesday 11th March at 11.45am. No letters or Flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Federated Foundation, 1 Love Lane, London EC2.

ROBERTS - On February 10th 1987, suddenly, the Reverend Jack (John) Bradshaw Roberts, aged 75, of Bine house, Mendlesham, much loved and devoted friend of Harry Pelham (Pip). Requiem Mass on February 17th at the St.Mary's Church, Mendlesham at 9.30am. Funeral service at 2.30pm, followed by private cremation. Donation to Christian Aid, c/o Co-Operative Funeral Service, 10 Upper Orwell Street, Ipswich, Suffolk.

ROSA - On February 12th, peacefully in her sleep in St Stephen's Hospital, London, Eileen Mary, widow of John Rosa and much loved sister of Madge Winterbotham and Sheila Morris. Rest in Peace.

SMITH - On February 11th 1987, peacefully, Eve Eileen, beloved wife of Malcolm Harley Smith of Ferring, Sussex, and a dear sister and aunt. Enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd, Worthing Tel: 34516.

SMYTH - On February 9th 1987, peacefully at St. Augustine's Nursing Home, Manor Road, Brighton, Margaret (Margot or Mytle) Charlotte Smyth, aged 86, formerly of Steep, nr Petersfield. Funeral service at Steep Church, nr Petersfield on Thursday February 19th at 2.30pm. Flowers but, preferably donations, to National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders may be sent to Attree & Kent Ltd. Funeral Directors, 113 Church Street, Brighton. Tel. Brighton (0273) 688228.

SYMONS - On February 10th 1987, peacefully, Katherine Marjory (Molly), widow of Col H.J.H. Symons MC and sister of Sheila Taylor. Funeral service at Lyminge Parish Church on Tuesday February 17th at 11.30am. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

TAYLOR - On February 11th, at home, Harold Charles Howard. Funeral service at Bildeston Church 1.45pm on Tuesday 17th February followed by interment at Nedging. No Flowers but donations if desired to Cancer research. c/o Death and Son, Funeral Directors, Bildeston 740220 or Felixstowe 284727.

PILBOROUGH - On February 11th, suddenly but peacefully in hospital, John, dearest dearest husband of Paddy, darling daddy of Nichola and Sarah, loving grandpa (Pom) of Anna and Sam, dear father-in-law to Paul. Service at York Crematorium Monday February 16th at 1.00pm.

WESTCOTT - On February 7th, peacefully at his home in Edgware Middlesex, George Foss, aged 94. Much loved husband and father.

WILLIAMS - On February 9th 1987, very peacefully, John Arthur Julian aged 84 years of Partridge Green and formally of Mannings Heath. Funeral service at St. Andrew's Church, Nuthurst on Tuesday February 17th at 11.30am. Flowers may be sent to Freeman Brothers Funeral Directors, Horsham.

ZANARDI-LANDI - On February 10th 1987, peacefully at Greentrees Nursing Home, Oxford, Jane (née Golden) Dearly loved mother of Mark and Christopher. Mass will be said at The Sacred Heart Catholic Chuch, Henley-On-Thames on Saturday 14th February at 9.00am. No flowers please, donations to Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JE.

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Science report

Unbreakable code claims scrambled

By Robert Matthews

The claims of an American team of mathematicians to have created an effectively "unbreakable" cipher have been seriously dented by a breakthrough in the esoteric field of number theory.

For centuries, cryptologists have used sheer complexity to create what they thought were unbreakable ciphers to protect their messages. Such codes are vital for protecting classified radio transmissions and, more recently, computer data.

Some ciphers did indeed resist attack for generations, but one by one they fell as mathematicians cut through the complexity.

Around the end of the First World War, Major Joseph Mauborgne, a US Army cipher expert, developed the so-called "one-time system", the first truly 'unbreakable' cipher. The principle is, ironically, extremely simple. A randomly generated sequence of numbers that is known to both sender and recipient is "added" to each letter in the message, and the result transmitted. The message is read by stripping off the random sequence.

But, as its name implies, the one-time system relies on the random sequence being used only once.

And in practice, securely distributing the random sequences is a major problem. Such difficulties prompted some cryptologists in the mid 1970s to argue that it was only necessary to make a cipher secure for long enough to ensure that the message, when it would finally be decoded by others, would be useless.

In 1978, a team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology proposed a cipher system, called the RSA scheme, which depended on the problem of breaking a very large number down into two large prime number factors, an extremely hard task. For the 200-digit numbers proposed, factoring could take even the fastest computers billions of years.

But the scheme reckoned without the ingenuity of mathematicians. Hendrik Lenstra of the mathematics institute of Amsterdam University has now combined the apparently unrelated fields of geometry and number theory to find a way to program a computer to factor very large numbers in hours.

His breakthrough relies on the properties of so-called elliptic curves. It is possible to read off the prime factors of a large number from these curves. Lenstra has shown how, by starting the search with one particular curve, it is possible to rapidly generate another curve.

Although Lenstra's method does not always work, it has shown that ways of rapidly tackling what seemed a formidable computing problem do exist.

And, since no country could guarantee that the enemy's mathematicians have not had more success than they with the factorization problem, only a foolish government would now use the RSA scheme.

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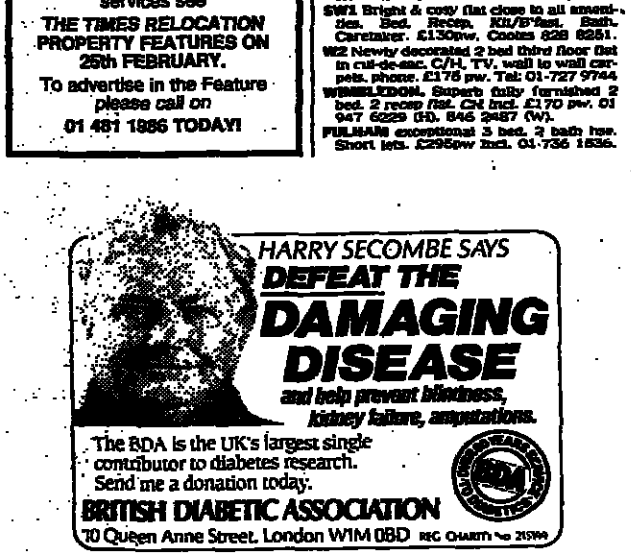

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In the matter of:
THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE (NEW VERSION) 5743-1983
In the matter of:
THE TRANSFER OF THE ENTERPRISE OF A FOREIGN COMPANY
THE APPLICANTS:
1. BLACK & DECKER, Westpoint, The Grove, Slough, Berks SL1 1QQ, England
2. POWER HARDWARE LIMITED, 26 Ibn Gvirol Street, Tel Aviv, ISRAEL.
Both through their attourneys, Advocates Herzog Fox & Neeman, of 4 Weizman Street, Tel Aviv.
THE RESPONDANT:
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO APPROVE ARRANGEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Applicants have filed an Application in this Court in accordance with Sections 238 and 242 of the Companies Ordinance (New Version) 5743-1983 in which they request the approval of the arrangement made between them on 8th January 1985, by which Applicant No 1 will transfer its enterprise, business, assets and liabilities, in Israel alone, to Applicant No. 2. If this arrangement is approved, Applicant No. 2 will forthwith succeed Applicant No. 1 for all purposes as if the two companies were identical as provided in Section 239 of The Companies Ordinance (New Version) 5743-1983.

Any interested person may inspect the said arrangement, in the above mentioned file in this Court, or at the office of the Applicants' attorneys, Messrs. Herzog Fox & Neeman of 4 Weizman Street, Tel Aviv. The Application will be heard in the Court of Judge Levitt on 4th March 1987 or shortly thereafter.

Any interested person who contends that the said arrangement is unreasonable or is liable to prejudice his rights, may file his opposition to the approval of the arrangement in writing, in this Court, not later than 3rd March 1987

DR. E. WINOGRAD
VICE-PRESIDENT, JUDGE

COMPANIES ACT 1985, s.175
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:

(1) The above-named company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.
(2) The amount of the permissable capital payment for the shares in question is £76,252 and the Resolution approving such payment out of capital was passed on the 9th day of February 1987.
(3) The Statutory Declaration of the Directors' and the Auditors' Report required by Section 173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the Company's registered office at Wainwright Street, Dukinfield, Cheshire.
(4) Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the 9th day of February 1987 apply to the Court under Section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment.

J.S. BUCKLEY
DIRECTOR

P.G. WRIGHT (HEATING ENGINEERS) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Messrs. Leonard Curtis and Partners, 46 Rodney Street, Liverpool L1 9AA on Friday the 20th day of February 1987 at 12.00 o'clock noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

Messrs. Leonard Curtis and Partners, Chartered Accountants and Licensed Insolvency Practitioners, whose address is as above will provide the creditors free of charge with such reasonable information as to the Company's affairs as the creditor may reasonably require until the day of the Meeting.

Dated the 2nd day of February 1987
P.G. WRIGHT
DIRECTOR

STREETS OF LONDON (PAINTING) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF on Friday the 20th day of February 1987 at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes provided for in Sections 98 et seq.

Philip Monjack, FCA Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Leonard Curtis & Co., whose address is above, will provide creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the 19th February 1987

Dated the 3rd day of February 1987
A.C. STREET
DIRECTOR

SALESMARK EASTERN LIMITED
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Dated this 9 day of February 1987
P.R. COPP, FCA, FCCA
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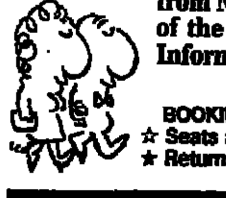

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☆ **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS:** Neil Simon's vivid recollection of a Brooklyn childhood. Waves of emotion. Dorothy Tutin in An NT transfer.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404, cc 01-379 6233). Tube: Holborn. Mon to Fri 7.30-9.45pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinée Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £3.50-£13.50. Until June 2.

☆ **CABARET:** Muddled revival of this musical tale of 1930s Berlin. Toyah Wilcox meets Wayne Sleep.
Strand Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (01-836 4143/5190). Tube: Charing Cross/Covent Garden. Mon to Thurs 7.30-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, matinée Fri and Sat 5-7.45pm, £9-£16.50.

☆ **GHOSTS:** Vanessa Redgrave in peak form in Ibsen's unnerving masterpiece.
Wyndhams Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028, cc 01-379 6565). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Sat 7.30-10.30pm, matinée Sat 3-6.30pm, £4.50-£13.50. Until Feb 14.

☆ **HOLIDAY:** Lindsay Anderson's fine production of creaking old Broadway play about the sufferings of the super-rich. Stars Mary Steenburgen and Malcolm McDowell.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616, cc 01-261 1821). Tube: Waterloo. Mon to Fri 7.30-10.15pm, Sat 7.45-10.30pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5.15pm, Sat 4-6.45pm, £3-£12.50.

★ **LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES:** Blood-chilling account of the destruction of innocence under the ancien régime. Tickets like gold dust.
Ambassadors Theatre, West Street, WC2 (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, matinée Wed 3-6pm, Sat 4-7pm, £5-£17.50.

☆ **LILLIAN:** How Lillian Hellman played her part in Hitler's downfall and promoted her image. Starring Frances de la Tour.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, London WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Tue-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Sat and Sun 3-5pm, £6-£12. Until March 14.

☆ **THE MAINTENANCE MAN:** John Alderton plays a dim husband worried by his women.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, SW1 (01-930 2578, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-10.30pm, matinée Fri and Sat 5.30-7.30pm, £4-£12.50. Until Feb 14.

★ **MR AND MRS NOBODY:** The home life of the Pooters. Imaginatively staged and not too cosy too often. Judi Dench and Michael Williams a beguiling couple.
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Fri 7.30-9.40pm, Sat 8-10.10pm, matinée Tue 3-5.10pm, Sat 5-7.10pm, £7.50-£12.50.

☆ **A PENNY FOR A SONG:** Revival of John Whiting's play about a Dorset village steeling itself to thwart Napoleon. Charming within its limits.
RSC Barbican Theatre, Barbican, EC2 (01-628 8795, 01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican. Fri and Sat 7.30-10pm, matinée Sat 2-4.30pm. £5-£12.50.

★ **ROAD:** A welcome return for the scorchingly brilliant account of life and sex in dead-end Britain. Sold out until end of run.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon to Sat 8-10.20pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 4-6.20pm. £3-£12. Until Feb 28.

☆ **SIEGFRIED SASSOON:** Peter Barkworth uses the poet's own words to tell his story; a limited viewpoint but still effective.
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☆ **WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM AND SHOUT:** Geraldine James and Julie Walters as two adolescent girls eagerly entering the remarkable world of Scottish sex. Generally successful transfer from the Bush.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (01-930 7765, cc 01-379 6565). Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment. Mon to Thurs 8-10.10pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-10.55pm, matinée Fri and Sat 6.30-8.10pm, £7.50-£13.50. Until Apr 21.

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★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . .
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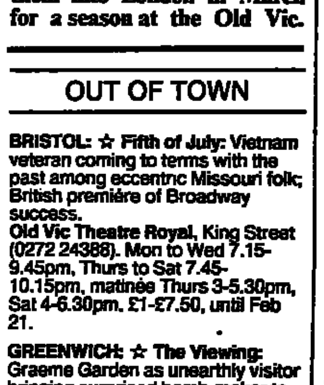

Michael Pennington as Prince Hal in the English Shakespeare Company's production of *Henry IV, Part 1* (see Out of Town listings). The company was formed last year under the direction of Pennington and Michael Bogdanov to bring classical drama to theatres throughout the country. It is performing the plays in 11 British cities before bringing them into London in March for a season at the Old Vic.

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ☆ **Fifth of July:** Vietnam veteran coming to terms with the past among eccentric Missouri folk; British première of Broadway success.
Old Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388). Mon to Wed 7.15-9.45pm, Thurs to Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Thurs 3-5.30pm, Sat 4-6.30pm. £1-£7.50, until Feb 21.

GREENWICH: ☆ **The Viewing:** Graeme Garden as unearthly visitor bringing surprised bomb-maker to account. Odd play by David Pownall, strongly acted.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.50pm, matinée Sat 2.30-4.35pm, £3-£7.50, until March 14.

HAYES: ☆ **Not About Heroes:** Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the First War poets, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen.
Beck Theatre, Grange Road, Hayes, Middx (01-561 7506). Mon to Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Sat 2.30-5pm. £4.50-£5.75, until tomorrow.

LEEDS: ☆ **Camille.** First performance outside the West End of Pam Gems' stirring tear-jerker. With Diane Katis.
Playhouse Theatre, Caverley Street (0532 442111) Mon and Tue 8-10.10pm, Wed to Sat 7.30-9.40pm, until March 7.

MANCHESTER: ★ **A Wholly Healthy Glasgow:** Funny and very outspoken power struggle in a Glasgow Heath Club.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833). Fri and Sat 8-10.15pm, matinée Sat 4-6.15pm, £2.50-£8.50, until tomorrow.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Paul Jones as Petruchio and Nichola McAuliffe as Kate in the RSC's first American musical.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford upon Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, Matinée Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm. £5-£16.50.

SUNDERLAND: ☆ **Shakespeare's Henrys:** Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V in Michael Bogdanov's trilogy for the New English Shakespeare Company.
Empire Theatre, High Street West (0783 42517). *Henry IV Part One* Sat 11.00am-2.00pm, *Henry IV Part Two* today 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 4-7pm. *Henry V* Sat 8-11pm, £2.50-£6.50.

WIMBLEDON: ★ **Rowan Atkinson:** Himself on tour.
Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway, London SW19 (01-540 0362). Tue-Fri 8-10pm, Sat 8.30-10.30pm, matinée Sat 6-8pm. £6.50-£10, until tomorrow.

YORK: ☆ **Rebecca:** Manderley lives again. Will the second Mrs de Winter hold out against the forces of evil? With Tamsin Olivier and Gary Bond.
Theatre Royal, St Leonards Place, York (0904 23568) Mon, Tue, and Thurs 7.30-10pm, Wed 7-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm. £3.25-£6.50, until Feb 28.

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■ **CROCODILE DUNDEE (15):** Australia's smash hit, with TV comic Paul Hogan as a crocodile hunter bemused by New York's urban jungle. Broad and loud, but friendly (98 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.20, 6.05, 8.55.
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☎ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 2.55, 5.00, 7.10, 9.15, 11.30.

■ **FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF (15):** The thinking teenager's teen movie, with Matthew Broderick as the charmed pupil of a Chicago high school playing hooky with friends. John Hughes writes and directs (103 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149) Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901) Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35, 11.20
☎ **Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 9.00.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Progs 2.10, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35, 11.15.
☎ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200) Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45, 11.15.

THE FLY (18): Jeff Goldblum — an inspired choice — plays the experimental scientist undergoing a metamorphosis. Directed by David Cronenberg with his usual emphasis on glossy, queasy shocks (96 min).
☎ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, 01-930 3232)). Progs 12.00, 2.45, 5.30, 8.15, 11.15.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011) Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15. 11.00.

■ **THE GOLDEN CHILD (PG):** Eddie Murphy as a social worker recruited to rescue a kidnapped, magical child. A bizarre mixture of sentimentality, special effects and Hong Kong hooey (94 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901) Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40, 11.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.45.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45, 11.15, 1.20am.

HOLY INNOCENTS: Pointed rural drama from Spain, highlighting the plight of impoverished labourers in the 1960s. Directed in 1984 by Mario Camus (105 min).
ICA Cinema (01-930 3647) Progs 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS (15): Well-behaved tearjerker with Mary Tyler Moore as the woman forced from her domestic shell by her husband's infidelity. With Ted Danson, written and directed by Allan Burns (111 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25, 11.15.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631) Progs 2.25, 5.00, 7.30, 10.10.

■ **THE MISSION (PG):** Jesuits and colonialists struggle for power in 18th century South America. With Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons; Roland Joffé directs with a fine eye for spectacle and a blind eye for the script's deficiencies (125 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 12.10, 2.55, 5.40, 8.25.11.15

■ **MONA LISA (18):** Neil Jordan's quirky comedy-drama, with Bob Hoskins in fine form as the bemused chauffeur to a high-class prostitute; a pity the plot fizzles out (104 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.50, 5.35, 8.10.
☎ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. 11.15.

THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG): Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren in an atmospheric adventure based on Paul Theroux's novel about a family taking refuge from fast foods and vulgarity in Central America's rivers and jungle (119 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.30. 11.35

■ **PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED (15):** Francis Ford Coppola's warm, sophisticated time-warp comedy, in which Kathleen Turner's troubled mum finds herself back at high school (103 min).
☎ **Minema** (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.45, 5.00, 8.25.
☎ **Odeon Swiss Cottage,** (01-586 3057). Progs 2.50, 5.10, 8.20.

■ **A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG):** Merchant-Ivory's version of an early Forster novel offers the expected virtues and vices: elegance, civility, bloodlessness. With Helena Bonham Carter as the English girl whose visit to Italy opens new doors (117 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.11.15
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
☎ **Curzon West End** (01-439 4805). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.10, 8.40.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.15, 4.55, 8.15.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Ave** (01-836 8861) Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.00, 8.45.

SALVADOR (18): Vivid political drama set in Central America, inspired by the past adventures of photo-journalist Richard Boyle. Oliver Stone directs James Woods, James Belushi (123 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.55, 5.30, 8.10. 11.15.
☎ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 3.40, 6.20, 8.40.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 5.50, 8.20, 11.10.

■ **SHORT CIRCUIT (PG):** Lightning strikes a robotized weapons system, causing chaos. Inventive comic romp for teenagers, directed by John Badham; with Ally Sheedy, Steve Guttenberg (99 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35 11.20.
☎ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 1.00, 3.35, 6.10, 8.50.11.45.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 3.00, 5.10, 8.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-586 3057). Progs 3.00, 5.10, 8.30.

■ **THE NAME OF THE ROSE (18):** Simplified edition of Umberto Eco's medieval murder mystery, filmed with a fine sense of atmosphere and a grotesque carnival of characters. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud; with Sean Connery (131 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 12.15, 2.40, 5.25, 8.15. 11.15.

■ **WHEN THE WIND BLOWS (PG):** Animated version of Raymond Briggs's best-seller about a placid old couple facing a nuclear attack. John Mills and Peggy Ashcroft provide the voices (85 min).
☎ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443) Progs 1.30, 3.20, 5.15, 7.10, 9.10.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096) Progs 2.25, 5.55, 8.30.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527) Progs 1.15, 3.10, 5.05, 7.00, 9.00.

Jackie Marks is a small girl with a big voice who leads a double life. Each evening, around 10.45, as soon as the curtain comes down on *Les Misérables*, she takes a cab down Shaftesbury Avenue and by 11.15 is singing to dinner guests at the Ritz. Jackie, 22, has been playing the lead role of Fantine (above left, with Dave Willetts as Valjean) in *Les Misérables* for nearly a year. Before that she was Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* and Nancy in *Oliver!* It was Gordon Deighton, producer of cabaret at the Ritz, who saw her in *Les Misérables* and decided she had the qualities for a cabaret singer. She performed at the hotel on New Year's Eve and is back (above, right) for a six-week season. "She really grabs the audience," says Deighton. "Her forte is the big number, anything from Judy Garland to Bette Midler and Fats Waller to Diana Ross." Jackie Marks is at the Ritz Hotel, Piccadilly W1, Monday to Friday until March 13 (reservations through restaurant manager 01-493 8181). *Les Misérables* is at the Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). ***Peter Waymark***

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1 (1) Crocodile Dundee
2 (2) The Golden Child
3 (3) Peggy Sue Got Married
4 (–) The Mosquito Coast
5 (4) A Room With A View
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7 (5) Salvador
8 (6) The Mission
9 (7) The Name of the Rose
10 (9) Short Circuit
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OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 Crocodile Dundee
2 The Golden Child
3 Peggy Sue Got Married
4 The Mission
5 A Nightmare on Elm Street 2
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UNITED STATES:
1 (1) Platoon
2 (2) Outrageous Fortune
3 (–) Light of Day
4 (–) Black Widow
5 (–) From the Hip
6 (3) Crocodile Dundee
7 (4) Critical Condition
8 (6) Star Trek IV
9 (5) The Golden Child
10 (10) Radio Days
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VIDEO RENTALS:
1 (1) Back to the Future
2 (2) Highlander
3 (3) Police Academy 3
4 (4) Rocky IV
5 (–) 9½ Weeks
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CONCERTS

★ **THOMSON/LPO:** Bryden Thomson conducts the LPO in Dvorak's *Carnival* Overture and Tchaikovsky's *Francesca da Rimini.* Robert Hill solos in Weber's Clarinet Concerto No 1, Jean-Jacques Kantorow in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45-9.35pm, £4.75.

☆ **JOHN OAKLEY-TUCKER:** The baritone sings Ravel's *Deux Epigrammes de Clément Marot,* Debussy's *Deux Rondels de Charles d'Orléans,* songs by Poulenc, Hahn, Schumann. Graham Johnson accompanies.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191 cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£4.

☆ **ARMITSTEAD/ISEPP:** Mussorgsky's *The Nursery,* Prokofiev's *Poems by Anna Akhmatova* and songs by Fauré, Rachmaninov, Poulenc and Tchaikovsky are sung by Melanie Armitstead, accompanied by Martin Isepp.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£5.

☆ **SHERBAN LUPU:** An interesting programme from the violinist Sherban Lupu — Prokofiev's Sonata No 1, Bartók's Sonata No 2, Suk's Four Pieces Op 17, Szymanowski's *Fountain of Arethusa* and the UK première of Enescu's *Impressions d'Enfance.* Peter Pettinger plays the piano.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45-9.50pm, £2.50-£7.

DANCE

★ **THE SLEEPING BEAUTY:** Cynthia Harvey and Jay Jolley dance the leads in the Royal Ballet's production.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.15pm, £1-£22.50.

☆ **ADZIDO:** This company of black dancers and drummers present work drawn from more than a dozen African countries.
Festival Theatre, Oakland Park, Chichester, (0243 781312), 7.30pm, £4-£7.

☆ **IMAGES:** A small young company founded by choreographer Earl Lloyd Hepburn to present his own creations.
The Place, Dukes Road, WC1, (01-387 0031) 8-9.45pm, £4.

☆ **NEW WORKS** by two American choreographers, Viola Farber and David Gordon, are performed by Extemporary Dance Theatre.
Gardner Arts Centre, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton (0273-685861), 7.45-9.30pm, £2.75-4.50.

OPERA

★ **RIGOLETTO:** Verdi's most fashionably updatable opera is given a striking new production by Richard Jones for Opera 80.
Northcott Theatre, Exeter, Devon (0392 54853), 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£4.50.

☆ **BARBER OF SEVILLE:** New, small-scale production by Peter Knapp's new young touring company, The Travelling Opera Show.
Town Gate Theatre, Town Gate, Basildon, Essex (0268 23953), 7.30-9.45pm, £5.50.

ROCK

☆ **THE ICICLE WORKS:** Start of a British tour for the Liverpudlian trio. Superior '80s rock with a modern hippie touch.
University of Essex Students Union, Withenhow Park, Colchester (0206 863211), 9pm, £3-£3.50.

☆ **MICRODISNEY:** Butch pop-rockers with an air of contrived worldliness. Tipped for success, but hardly a soulful experience.
International Club, 47 Anson Road, Manchester (061 224 5050), 8pm, £3.

☆ **THE PSYCHEDELIC FURS:** Consistently sold short by the press at every stage of their career but their album *Midnight To Midnight* has stormed the charts.
Royal Court Theatre, 1 Roe Street, Liverpool (051 709 4321), 7pm, £6.

☆ **NIK KERSHAW:** Dynamite show reveals more than his singles would suggest.
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road (091 232 8520/091 261 2606), 7.30pm, £5.50-£6.50.

★ **LUTHER VANDROSS:** Soul music's most accomplished male singer last two sell-out concerts.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081), 7pm, £8-£10.

JAZZ

☆ **DAVE HOLLAND:** Tonight and tomorrow offer the last chances to experience an enthralling season. The quintet's altoist, Steve Coleman, is a star in the making.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747). 9.30pm, £8 (£6 members).

☆ **JAN GARBAREK:** His haunting tone-poems evoking a landscape of tundras and fjords, the popular Norwegian saxophonist brings a unique flavour to jazz.
RNCM, Manchester (061 273 4504). 8pm, £3-£3.50.

☆ **BILLY JENKINS:** Unorthodox young guitarist and bandleader who moves freely between jazz and rock now presents a quintet featuring a couple of Loose Tubes.
Greyhound, Sydenham Road, London SE26 (01-778 8521). 8.30pm, £2.50.

GALLERIES

VIVIEN BLACKETT: The seventh Artist in Residence at the National Gallery, her basement studio is open to the public every Friday afternoon from 1.30-4.30pm.
The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3526), Mon to Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until March.

ELIZABETH II: A collection of paintings, sculptures and photographs of the Queen.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), Mon to Fri 10-5pm, Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, £2, until March 22.

ALEXANDER CARSE: Scottish painter of rural and domestic scenes in the late 18th Century influenced later narrative artists such as Sir David Wilkie.
National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Princes Street, Edinburgh (031-556 8921), Mon to Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until March 29.

TALKS

MASTERPIECES: Gallery talk on Persian, Turkish and Mughal painting.
The British Library, British Museum Lecture Theatre, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-323 7111), noon, free.

DAILY LIFE IN ANCIENT ASSYRIA: Talk by Penny Bateman **British Museum,** (meet in the Front Hall), Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555), 11.30am, free.

BRITISH SURREALISM: Lecture by Louisa Buck.
Tate Gallery Lecture Room, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), 1pm, free.

EARTHQUAKES: Lecture by Dr Peter Clough.
Geological Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-589 3444), 11am, free.

WALKS

AN HISTORIC PUB WALK - OLD BAILEY: meet St Paul's tube. 7.30pm, £2.25.
EAST END'S HISTORIC GHETTO: meet Whitechapel tube. 11am, £2.50.
THE CHARM OF ROYAL CHELSEA VILLAGE: meet Sloane Square tube. 11am, £2.
PRISON AND PUB WALK SPECIAL: meet St Paul's tube (main exit). 7.15pm, £2.75.
LONDON'S HISTORIC DOCKLANDS AND THAMES: meet Tower Hill tube. 2.30pm, £2.75.

OTHER EVENTS

ALAN CAIGER-SMITH AND ALDERMASTON POTTERY: Opening today, the only London showing of a major exhibition of work by one of Britain's most notable contemporary potters, who revived the lost arts of tin-glazing earthenware and firing in lustre pigments.
Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, London E2 (01-739 8368). Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, free, until May 3.

CRUFT'S: Second day of the show with Toys and Utility dogs plus Obedience Championship.
Earls Court Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5 (01-385 1200). 9am-6pm, adult £4, child £2.

LOVE IS . . : Celebration of romance on the eve of St Valentine's Day with poems, lyrics and Lloyd-Weber music.
New Metropole Arts Centre, Folkestone, Kent (0303 55070). 7.30pm, adult £1.50, child 75p.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Booking for 1987 season until July, including concert performance of Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess.* Soloists include Howard Shelley, Peter Donohoe, Anne-Sophie Mutter. Walter Weller, Sir Yehudi Menuhin and Andre Previn are among the conductors.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, information 01-928 3002).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE EVERYMAN: Booking for spring season until July, with the Really Useful Theatre Company production of *Daisy Pulls It Off,* plus *West Side Story, Private Lives* and *Accidental Death of an Anarchist.* New Theatrecard scheme offers discounts until Feb 20.
Everyman Theatre, Regent Street, Cheltenham, Glos (0242 5725).

LSO'S BIRTHDAY: Booking for 21st birthday concert, with Richard Hickox conducting Stravinsky's *Oedipus Rex,* and Beethoven's Mass in C. March 26.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

LAST CHANCE

NIGHT PRINTS: More than [illegible]0 prints by Hogarth, Goya, Rembrandt, Hopper, Picasso, Gauguin and Augustus John. Also Japanese woodcuts and colour prints by Pissarro, Munch and Howard Hodgkin. Ends Sunday.
Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield (0742 734781).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/ 638 8891 Ton't at 7.45 **CITY OF LONDON SINFONIA** Richard Hickox cond Oscar Shumsky in **BEETHOVEN:** Violin Concerto. Symphony No. 3 'Eroica'.

EXHIBITIONS

GALLERY 10 LTD. 10 Grosvenor St, London W1. 491 8103. An exhibition of paintings by **ANTHONY KRIKHAAR.** Until Feb 28th.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Ton't 8.00 Tosca (PLEASE NOTE LATER STARTING TIME Perf now ends 10.45). Tomor 7.30 Faust.

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THE ARTS

Blondes beware

TELEVISION

There was a time on television game-shows when blondes stood by their man. They put the curve into an evening gown, silently handed the participants the odd clue and escorted the losers offstage. Times change. Whether or not they are having more fun, these days blondes get trussed up into a dayglo harness and flung out of the nearest helicopter to dangle alluringly over the Alps — or at least they do if they are Anneka Rice.

The new series of *Treasure Hunt* (Channel 4) took Miss Rice and her team to the Bernese Oberland, where among a complete world of *Heidi* including cheese-sellers and folk-dancing, were hidden the vital clues that would lead the contestants Paul and Hazel to £1,000. Since these clues also appeared to be back home in the studio, the whole exercise seemed quite inexplicable save to give Miss Rice the opportunity to exercise her not inconsiderable repertoire of enthusiastic shrieks. If they had met, I bet she would have been Heidi's best friend.

One in three marriages today is a remarriage. This has led to an enormous increase in what *Do You Still Love Me?* (*40 Minutes*, BBC2) termed the new extended family, which simply means living with the stepchildren. Taking three examples of this particular social grouping, the film scrutinized the emotional pulls to which each member was susceptible — the jealousy, resentment, territorial instinct and aggression, emphasizing the degree to which the children themselves were capable of exploiting and influencing their parents' behaviour.

The programme wisely made no claims to generalization and managed to elicit extraordinarily revealing comments, particularly from the various children. Indeed, such was their eagerness to detail exactly how much they disliked their step-relations, and given that many second marriages flounder on such reactions, one began to wonder whether a few of the interviewees were not using this as an excellent opportunity to break up their new extended family once and for all.

Alexandra Shulman

Metaphors of popular disgust

CINEMA

The Fly (18)
Odeon Leicester Square

Cactus (PG)
Renoir

Ferris Bueller's Day Off (15)
Plaza 1

The Holy Innocents
ICA Cinema

David Cronenberg, 43 and Canadian-born, has made himself chief exponent of cinema of the horrible, rather than horror in the ordinary sense. Since *Shivers* (1973) he has specialized in films that abound in morbid pathology, with mortifying flesh and living bodies that disintegrate, explode or erupt in spectacular detail. Of *Scanners* (1980) he wrote: "I'm feeling good. I'm exploding heads, just like any other young, normal North American boy." Clearly he calculates, correctly, that there is a large following for his pustulating style of Grand Guignol. If it is fun to make the flesh creep, why not turn the stomach too? The Fly was one of last year's top-grossing films in the United States.

It has not much in common with the 1958 film of which it is nominally a remake. Jeff Goldblum plays the innocently eccentric inventor of an apparatus for disintegrating and reconstituting matter. He has no success in transmuting living creatures in this way until he comes to appreciate the true nature of flesh, in the process of losing his virginity to a lady journalist. In a fit of drunken jealousy, following this revelation, he puts himself through the reconstitution process but unfortunately gets genetically fused with a stray fly.

The story to this point is mostly played for comedy; and Goldblum builds up his wide-eyed (or bug-eyed) role so engagingly that it is a pity when he is eventually subsumed into the awful mutant. His artless politeness asserts itself to the end though: "I'm sorry, that is *really* disgusting" the human fly apologizes after suddenly pouring out the vomit it uses to predigest its food.

Fly scientist: Jeff Goldblum in happier days before his atoms scrambled

Once he is metamorphosed it gets nastier and nastier as his hair, teeth and nails drop out, ears and other bits of flesh peel off, and there are liquid emissions from all over the place — not to speak of the aforementioned vomit which burns up the limbs of a rival in love. There are extras like a failed experiment when a baboon is reintegrated inside out, and a rather realistic dream sequence of an accouchement, with Goldblum's girlfriend giving birth to an oozing chrysalis.

Even more than in his earlier films it is evident how Cronenberg's fantasy responds to — and perhaps serves to exorcize — current universal nightmares. To the persistent theme of science run amok is added the diagnosis of a disease, resulting from union with the intruder, whose effects — "a sort of cancer", Goldblum murmurs — are irreversible degeneration and disintegration into death. The metaphor is not far to seek.

In *Cactus*, as in his first feature film *Lonely Hearts*, the Dutch-born Australian writer-director Paul Cox celebrates the ultimate triumph of an apparently forlorn romance. The story could hardly sound less promising. Isabelle Huppert, in Australia to escape from Paris and a shaky marriage, partially loses her sight in a car crash. As a result she meets and falls in love with a gentle, virginal man who has been blind from birth.

Cox makes what could have been a gloomy, sentimental melodrama compelling and engaging, partly through his ability to see into his characters, to make every nuance of feeling palpable, and partly by his ability to set characters into context — an Australia which he sees with an outsider's sharpened vision. From the vast aerial panoramas which open the film, Australia is appreciated as a lush, exotic, vivid land. In all his films Cox has persistently set his characters against vegetation: the handicapped lovers are always seen against woodlands, gardens, shimmering fields of sunflowers or the forest of cacti which the blind man has created in his conservatory.

Then again he juxtaposes the delicately balanced romance with the sturdy realities of everyday life which stir his sense of the comic. There is a parade of war veterans who call themselves the Odd Bods, a quarrelsome AGM of the local cactus society that looks very much like *cinéma vérité*, and an old folks' birthday party, where the simple sentiment and discords of an aged singer defy laughter.

Under Cox's direction Isabelle Huppert is more expressive than in any recent performances. She is partnered by a charming new actor, Robert Menzies (a grandson of the former prime minister) who manages to be proud, tentative and never mawkish as the blind man.

Ferris Bueller's Day Off, written and directed by John Hughes, the leading American exponent of high-school comedy, is a quintessential demonstration of Hollywood's compulsive sycophancy towards the dominant teenage audience. Hughes eagerly endorses his teenage heroes' view of their own superiority in intellect and judgement to adults, who are universally shown as obtuse, oppressive and absorbed in their own vanity. The aim of life is to humiliate and deceive them.

Ferris Bueller (Matthew Broderick) is a liar, cheat, opportunist and technological whiz-kid — the successful yuppie of tomorrow. The story tells simply how Ferris, his side-kick and girlfriend play hookey from school to paint Chicago a pale shade of red, and incidentally smash up a vintage Ferrari, the prize possession of the side-kick's father. Not all the wiles of their school principal can compete with Ferris's ingenuity and the youngsters' mastery of electronic dirty tricks.

There is one curious — perhaps accidental — moment of pathetic revelation. "What are you interested in?", the girl asks the side-kick. "Nothing", he replies, after a moment's reflection. "Me neither", she says cheerfully. Perversely the kids, who ought to be obnoxious, are quite attractive in their vitality.

The Holy Innocents is directed by Mario Camus from a novel by Miguel Delibes, set in Spain in the late Sixties. With a grim, sardonic humour that derives from the same sources as Buñuel, it describes the workings of the feudal system perpetuated through the Franco era. Irony, comedy and anarchy save the film from being simply an unbearable record of sadistic oppressions.

David Robinson

CONCERTS

Northern Sinfonia/Haslam
St John's

Recently expelled from the glorious garden, the New Macnaghten Concerts are badly in need of some magical nights that could persuade the Arts Council to change its mind, or that could perhaps attract alternative munificence. Otherwise there will be a regrettable continuation of the trend for the presentation of contemporary music to become concentrated in ever fewer hands.

We have already lost the Fires of London this year and concert life would be further diminished by the loss of the annual Macnaghten series: only a fortnight ago I was drawing attention here to the broadcast of a Macnaghten programme of Barraqué and Hopkins that was a highlight of the 1985-86 season.

Wednesday night's concert, however, will not have won them many new friends. One of the problems was that there were not many new friends to be won: St John's is a dismal place in which to hear music in the company of a few dozen, and Tracey Chadwell, the Northern Sinfonia Ensemble and David Haslam all deserve medals for performing at full power before such a dispiriting audience.

Miss Chadwell in particular was in generous, radiant voice, and Elena Firsova's cantata *Earthly Life* gave her opportunities for long, warm phrases, an ample-bodied use of the top register and a seraphic purity. Her performance realized the tender but knowing, ecstatically attuned but estranged personality that Firsova discloses as the narrating subject of the five Mandelstam poems she sets, and there were some nice moments of shadowing from the ensemble.

David Nicholls's *Songs 3 (Whisperings upon Leaves)*, also for soprano and ensemble, was very beautifully made, but one needs a better reason for having a go at the Orpheus myth after recent works by Birtwistle and Carter. It also seems a bit off to have someone (Richard Gaskell) write five sonnets for you and then to pick fragmentary excerpts by chance operations. Quite apart from the discourtesy, it invites the listener to take part in a guessing game which is not conducive to the appreciation of porcelain-fine lyricism.

Among the instrumental items, Vladimir Shoot's Second Chamber Symphony, for octet, rung stylistic changes rather in the manner of Schnittke, though with considerably less wit and motivation. Scriabin, Webern, Prokofiev and Berg (who had a whole miniature adagio for viola, cello and double bass) were among the guests at the party, but none of them seemed to be having much fun.

Paul Griffiths

LPO/Thomson
Festival Hall

It is the name of Bax which is at the moment ubiquitously linked with that of Bryden Thomson. But on Wednesday he took a break from the recording project which has brought him once again into the limelight he well deserves, to turn his attention to Vaughan Williams, Walton and Elgar. The *Wasps* Overture was enough to remind London audiences of the qualities of this conductor: lucid, quick-thinking, unfussy communication, and the obvious signs of having privately dissected, assimilated and fused together a work in his mind and ear before getting anywhere near his orchestra.

Elgar's First Symphony responded particularly well; and so did the London Philharmonic. Thomson started from the observation that the Symphony's fingerprint — the march with the dying fall — is curiously unprogressive. It works, rather, as a magic wand, transforming all it touches. By ensuring that the violas merely hovered over its first appearance, while the cellos and basses did little more than dust their bows over its accompanying tread, Thomson played for time and space, and for its future.

"That Symphony *is* a new world, isn't it?" Elgar wrote to a friend. But it was one which could never return after even one world war, and one which the interwar generation found extremely hard to stomach. The shifting sands of Walton's Violin Concerto, with its central Neapolitan mirage and its wild prodigality, made a clear reactive response of its own in 1939. On Wednesday it gave us an all-too-rare chance to hear the refined and imaginative solo virtuosity of the LPO's leader, David Nolan: more, please.

Hilary Finch

Violent agonies

THEATRE

This Story of Yours
Hampstead

Now, even more than when John Hopkins's play first appeared in 1968, it is hard to present a drama about a policeman without seeming to be making a statement about the police. *This Story of Yours* is a violently painful play about violence and pain; but, for all its attachment to the front-line issues of child-abuse and the ill-treatment of suspects, its real subject is the life of a man who should never have joined the police in the first place.

Still only a detective sergeant after 20 years, Johnny Johnson winds up a child-molestation case by arresting a suspected rapist and beating him to death under interrogation. As Hopkins tells this story of his, the killing takes place in the third act leaving the audience to bite their nails in certain expectation of witnessing the atrocity. Perhaps he is saying that we, too, share his hero's tastes, and that he is offering us a sadistic treat. That is one of the play's numerous ambiguities.

What is clear is that the reverse time-sequence has the effect of moving in on the character from long-shot to fearsome close-up. We first see Johnny crashing back home in the small hours immediately after the killing and playing the brutal spouse to his haggard, long-suffering wife.

David Suchet: wild distress

Then the wife (Jane Wood) goes for him with her fists. "Stop before someone gets hurt", he says, and knocks her flat to the floor. As David Suchet plays that reversal, immediately followed by abject solicitude, you realize that Johnny's demons lie well outside the routine guidelines of the Met. Two incommunicable things fill his mind: the sexual desert of his marriage, and the charnel house of victims that he has assembled during his working life.

In the second act, the midnight home-wrecker appears at the station sitting at attention in a respectable suit to face interrogation himself by a chief inspector. In this authoritarian setting the same obsessions boil up with even greater frenzy as he tries, and fails yet again, to tell his story.

When he at last faces the suspect, a mild and terrified estate agent, the interrogation develops from sadistic teasing to an abject plea for help before he erupts in homicidal ecstacy to a background of nightmarishly amplified coital exclamations.

Johnny, in other words, projects his own carnal frustrations on the victim and achieves his murderous orgasm. But we never discover whether the suspect was guilty, or the precise nature of Johnny's undivulged secret. I think that in this respect the play betrays its period, when secrecy was held to be a theatrical virtue. This may be a multi-viewpoint drama, but it raises expectations that are not satisfied by general hints that policeman and criminal are two sides of the same coin, or that Johnny himself nourished child-molestation fantasies.

The play transmits a sense of huge anguish, both intensified and made bearable by the extreme discipline of Jack Gold's production. Mr Suchet plays Johnny so as to expand the character to the limits of brute ferocity and helpless distress; and, when he finally meets his victim, James Hazeldine, is able to confront him on the same level.

Irving Wardle

● **John Higgins writes:** A transmission error yesterday had Norma and Adalgisa walking towards the pyre in Covent Garden's new *Norma*. The High Priestess goes off with Pollione, as Bellini and Romani directed.

ROCK

Wang Chung
Marquee

"In America music is viewed in a more realistic light; if you do certain things well, then you've got a slot", said Mick Ralphs of Bad Company in a recent television interview, and he should know. "In England you have to continually justify what you're doing as a piece of social comment or an art form."

Wang Chung started seven years ago in London as an inspired trio called Huang Chung and, when their post-punk guitar-rock failed to raise interest, they took to dressing up in garish chinoiserie and singing songs about China, which unsurprisingly cut no ice as social comment, still less as an art-form. After a while they went to America, where tinkering about with image, the spelling of your name and the import of your music are simply "realistic" activities that do not arouse suspicion. Eventually, having shed their drummer, they came up with a winning soft-rock formula, and even re-exported a modest hit, "Dance Hall Days", to these shores in 1984.

As the foppish Jack Hues and his lanky partner Nick Feldman, backed by a businesslike five-piece band, knocked out their set at the Marquee there was much to admire, both in the calm professionalism of their playing and in the clever, logical construction of songs like "The Flat Horizon" and "Don't Let Go", with their steady disco beats and carefully executed climaxes. There was variation in the form of the slower, finger-clicking "Lullaby" and the odd infectious chorus like "Everybody Has Fun Tonight", their biggest American hit.

But the astounding banality of a song like "Let's Go", and the complete lack of soul in the delivery throughout, made the overall experience about as satisfying as tucking into a bowl of tasty custard. The rock 'n' roll business sprang from American culture in the first place, but if they accept this as the main course something has indeed gone awry at quality control.

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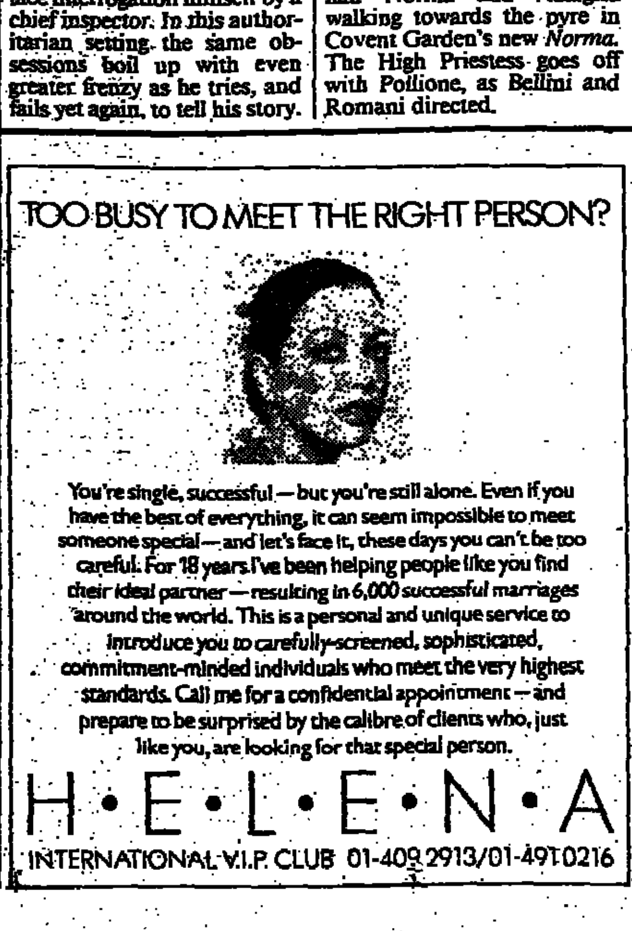

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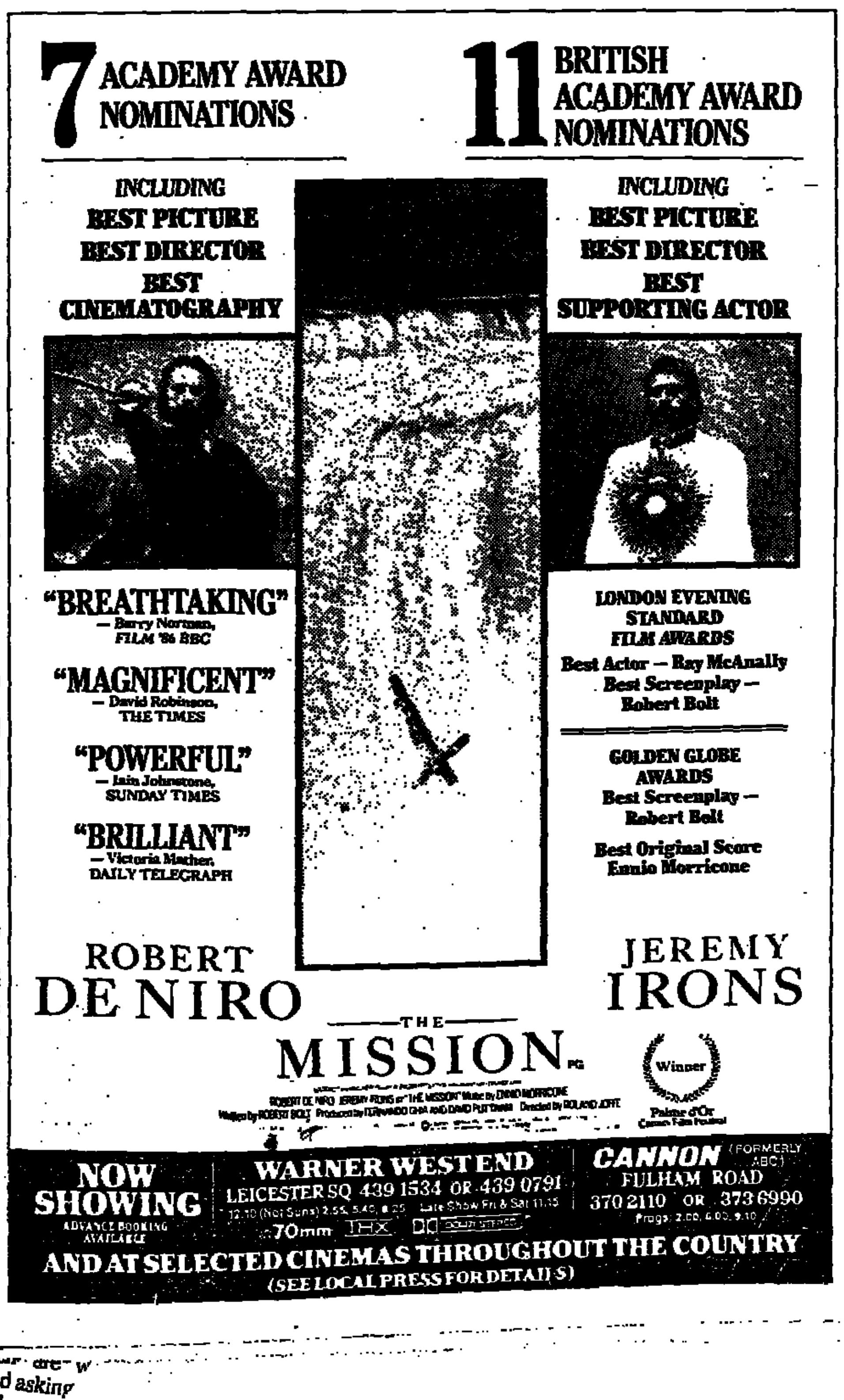

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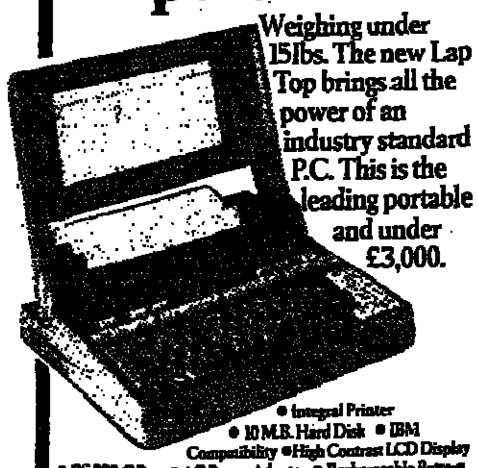

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By Teresa Poole

Shortages of small workshops are again inhibiting business start-ups, according to a survey published this week by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce.

The problem is not confined to the growth areas of the southern and Home counties but is also found in many parts of Yorkshire, the North-West, Northamptonshire, Suffolk and Worcestershire.

In seeking a remedy for the situation, the ABCC considers that the underlying causes vary from North to South. In the South the main difficulty is the shortage of land and the high prices for available land. In the North, it is difficult for developers to get an economic return on their investments.

The ABCC suggests a search by the Government of land registers in the South to identify suitable parcels of land which could be freed for workshop development. In the North the Industrial Buildings Allowance should be reintroduced for units up to about 1,000 square feet. There should also be a relaxation of the rules governing urban-development grants for small units.

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Profits at the end of the line

Julian Richer: 'Building the company up strong'

Julian Richer is an empire-builder of the old British school, although he avoids, with infinite charm, actually saying as much himself, *writes Ann Warden.*

He expects his group of 11 end-of-line hi-fi, video and music shops to earn him half a million pounds, on a turnover of more than £8 million in the coming year, and in the past year, which saw a turnover of £6.05 million, he has moved his headquarters from what he says was a "cupboard under London Bridge station" to altogether more dignified surroundings a few streets away.

"I'm just a marketing man, really. My technical knowledge is zilch," he said on Tuesday, but enthusiasm for his job, first begun at school at Clifton College, Bristol, where he bought up old hi-fi units and sold them at a profit, bubbles over.

Mr. Richer, who is 27 and from London, owns all but 2 per cent of the business; the rest is held by a non-executive director. Questioned about possible flotation, however, he adds: "I'm dead against the USM. I feel access to public funds will only encourage me to go faster than I should. What I'd much rather do is build the company up strong."

His thoughts are on consolidation, after a year of expansion with the opening of seven shops, which pared-down profits. The company, begun when he was 19, now has 70 staff in cities including Glasgow, Birmingham, Bristol, Edinburgh and Leeds, and is called, grandly, the Richer Group, with three divisions: Richer Sounds, Vision and Music.

Mr Richer's only conspicuous boast is that the first Sounds shop, the tiny, cramped core of his business at London Bridge, is 20 times busier than Marks & Spencer at Marble Arch, in terms of sales per sq ft per year.

He chose Stockport for the first new shop because of the sales potential from traffic at a motorway junction. His day still quite often stretches to 16 hours, from a 6.30 am start, but he adds: "I don't regard it as work, because I enjoy it so much. So many people are in ruts because they don't actually enjoy it. A lot of people are scared of taking a risk."

One warning he gives to entrepreneurs, however, is about going into business with friends. Yet Mr Richer, who clearly gets on well with his staff, has relatives working for him, including his younger sister, Lucy.

He is reticent about business heroes but the name of Marks & Spencer – where his parents first met as employees – tends to crop up. He makes a point of giving his workers warm clothes against the warehouse chill, and believes the kind of benevolence towards staff, for which M & S has a name, improves the running of a business.

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FT 30 Share
1501.0 (–7.9)

FT-SE 100
1878.6 (–17.2)

Bargains
44204 (42758)

USM (Datastream)
144.77 (+1.24)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5195 (–0.0025)

W German mark
2.7776 (+0.0136)

Trade-weighted
68.7 (+0.2)

£9.5 million bid for Jacksons

A Norwegian investment group yesterday launched a full bid worth £9.5 million for Jacksons Bourne End, the property and manufacturing group, after the three largest shareholders sold their 70 per cent stake at 445p a share. The bidder, Bugge Fiendoms, is offering the same terms to the rest of the shareholders. On the stock market Jacksons' shares shot up 55p to 483p.

Bugge is a Norwegian property and investment group with assets of £140 million.

Jacksons reported profits down from £435,000 to £105,000 last year. The company makes components for the shoe industry and owns properties worth £4.25 million.

Abaco buys estate agency

Abaco, the acquisitive financial services group, is buying Levens, a firm of residential and commercial estate agents, for up to £5.63 million.

Levens is based in Southeast London and Kent and was established in 1870. A downpayment of £3.93 million will be topped up by a maximum of £1.7 million, if Levens' pretax profits after salaries come to not less than £475,905 in the year to April 30.

Birmid ahead

Birmid Qualcast, the lawnmowers to Potterton central heating group, made pretax profits in the year to November 1, 1986 of £13.1 million, a rise of 30 per cent on static turnover. The total dividend was lifted by 27 per cent to 4.75p.

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Tenby up

Tenby Industries, the electrical accessories manufacturer which has agreed to merge with Emess Lighting, yesterday announced profits of £3.46 million compared with £2.5 million last time. Shareholders are to receive a dividend of 3p per share, comfortably ahead of the forecast payment of 2.7p. Earnings per share rose from 14.08p to 17.94p

In tomorrow's nine page *Family Money*, where to go for "no frills" share dealing services, how young drivers can get the best deals on car insurance and why the overall performance of unit trust groups is important for investors.

Carlton grows

Carlton Communications, the television services and video technology group, has bought Comelim (UK), a manufacturer of prototype printed circuit boards, for £5.5 million cash. Comelim's pretax profit in 1986 was £543,000 on sales of £2.39 million.

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Price cutting likely as cartel ends

Cement's big three split up

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Britain's three cement manufacturers, Blue Circle, Rugby Portland Cement and Rio Tinto-Zinc, yesterday abandoned their common pricing agreement, a cartel that has lasted 52 years despite a series of investigations.

It follows an increasing threat from cheap imports which, because of the pricing agreement, British makers have not been able to match on prices in specific geographic areas where importers have made inroads.

But the Office of Fair Trading has also been making a new assessment of the agreement to decide whether to re-open the question of its future before the Restrictive Practices Court.

When the end of the cartel was announced by the Cement Makers' Federation, Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, forecast "considerable benefits" for the industry's customers from the increase in competition which he anticipates.

As to whether aprice war would break out Mr David Poole, joint managing director of Blue Circle, the market leader, *said: "There will not* necessarily be one. There is a possibility of reducing prices in some places and putting them up in others.

"What this gives us is flexibility in meeting the competition."

But in the industry the expectation is that at least in the short term there will be selective price-cutting. Buyers in bulk are likely to be able to secure bigger discounts especially since lower-cost production increasingly flows from the cement makers' increasing drive for more efficiency.

The makers see the agreement's end as freeing them to meet the price competition posed particularly by low-price imports in what has been a relatively depressed market for cement sales.

Cheaper substitute materials like ash and slag which can be partially used in mixes have also been taking their toll.

Blue Circle argued yesterday that its profitability should not be impaired because efficiency had been improved with more benefits to come. It has announced already that not far short of 2,000 jobs will go — and added yesterday that there could still be room for rationalization among its 44 depots around the country.

But depots involve few jobs unlike the heavier manning at cement works, of which Blue Circle has 12.

Blue Circle has 56.5 per cent of the United Kingdom cement market which last year amounted to 13.3 million tonnes. Rio Tinto-Zinc has 24.5 per cent and Rugby 19 per cent.

Cheap imports, notably from Greece but also the Comecon bloc and some other countries like Spain, have rather less than 3 per cent of the market. These and substitute materials account for about 8 per cent of the market overall.

The imports have been undercutting British prices by about 10 per cent but bulk landings of Greek cement have been restricted for the time being under an agreement between the Greek government and the EEC which had been threatening to investigate Greek subsidies to its cement industry.

The cement common pricing agreement was set up in 1934. It first came under attack when it was investigated by the Restrictive Practices Court in 1961 but the court decided that the agreement was not against the public interest and could be expected to keep prices lower than they might otherwise be.

When the Office of Fair Trading was set up in 1973, one of the first files opened was on cement price-fixing.

The OFT attempted to have the court re-open its 1961 investigation, arguing that there had been material changes in the previous ten years. But the court decided there was no *prima facie* case and the agreement stayed in place.

The OFT said yesterday that it had been investigating the agreement again to decide whether to apply to the court to have its judgment re-examined. This was because of the changes in the industry.

●Blue Circle announced yesterday that in June, Sir John Milne is to become non-executive chairman, with Mr David Poole taking over as group managing director.

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Bank urges G5 action

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Fiscal policy action by the major economies is needed to stabilize exchange rates, the Bank of England says in its February *Quarterly Bulletin*.

The Bank believes that fiscal caution by the Chancellor in his Budget next month would improve the prospects for lower British interest rates.

Growth in the British economy has probably been stronger than indicated by the official statistics, the Bank's economists believe.

The Bank sees the main threat to the world economy arising from a stalling of the process of reducing the US budget deficit, because of objection from Congress to expenditure cuts.

Should this run up against continued fiscal caution in the current account surplus countries, Japan and Germany, the dangers would be of a further dollar slide and a damaging increase in protectionism, notably in the United States, the Bank says.

For Japan and Germany, low inflation and reduced budget deficits means that "the inflation risks of some fiscal relaxation would be limited," the Bank says.

The implication of this analysis is that a meeting of the Group of Five or Seven countries is only worthwhile if it focuses on meaningful fiscal policy changes. Bank officials believe that the scope for further action on monetary policy in the major countries, or for direct action in the foreign exchange markets, is limited.

The Bank predicts a period of continued nervousness in the foreign exchange markets, until there are positive signs of a reduction in the major trade imbalances.

It says this nervousness is likely to affect sterling, which has been held down by election uncertainties and market concerns about the strength of demand in Britain.

Bank lending remains very strong, and narrow money, M0, is in the top half of its 2 to 6 per cent target range. The Bank expects retail price inflation to settle at around 4 per cent for a time, but to show some underlying rise later in the year.

For these reasons, it is highly cautious about prospects for lower interest rates. But a low public sector borrowing requirement, the *Bulletin* says, would improve the prospect for reductions in rates.

A reduction in rates would improve the performance of the supply side of the economy, the Bank says, although its own evidence suggests that growth has already been stronger than the official figures indicate.

In particular, the growth in investment and profits is thought to have been at a faster rate than indicated by the Government's national accounts data.

"The economic recovery is re-emerging, if anything, more strongly than elsewhere, and perhaps in a less lopsided way than some of the statistics suggest," the *Bulletin* says.

Lawson urged to cut PSBR

By Our Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor should give priority in the Budget to reducing the public sector borrowing requirement, the Institute for Fiscal Studies says. A PSBR target as low as £5 billion should be aimed for, depending on the oil price.

The Institute, in its annual *Green Budget*, published yesterday, estimates the Chancellor's room for manoeuvre on March 17 to be around £3 billion, on the assumption of a $15 a barrel oil price.

This is likely to be split between £2 billion of tax cuts — probably a reduction of 2p in the pound in the basic rate of income tax — and a £1 billion reduction in the PSBR target to £6 billion, the IFS says.

However, if the oil price holds at around $18 a barrel, any extra revenue should be used to reduce the borrowing requirement further. In this case, a PSBR target of about £5 billion for next year would be appropriate, Mr Bill Robinson, director of the IFS and editor of the report, said yesterday. A borrowing target of £5 billion for 1987/88 is the same as the IFS's expected outturn for the PSBR this year.

A lower PSBR is favoured, the report says, in order to reassure the financial markets and permit the Chancellor to cut interest rates. In addition, Mr Robinson said, it is unrealistic to present a shopping list of desirable tax reforms this close to the general election.

Cuts in the basic rate of income tax are of less benefit to the lower paid than higher tax allowances, the report says. But there is a shift in the balance in favour of cuts in rates from April 1988, as the Government's social security reforms take effect.

Tan Sri Khoo offers to pay

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, the Singapore businessman, has proposed repaying to the National Bank of Brunei all debts of companies with which he has links — but the Government of Brunei appears to have rejected the plan.

Shearson Lehman Brothers, Tan Sri Khoo's financial advisers, is meeting creditor banks of NBB next week to discuss the proposal. The banks, including Standard Chartered, are keen on the proposal as a way of avoiding expensive legal action.

The Brunei authorities closed down NBB and started an investigation into suspect lending last October. The Brunei authorities say that 90 per cent of NBB's loans were to Khoo-related companies.

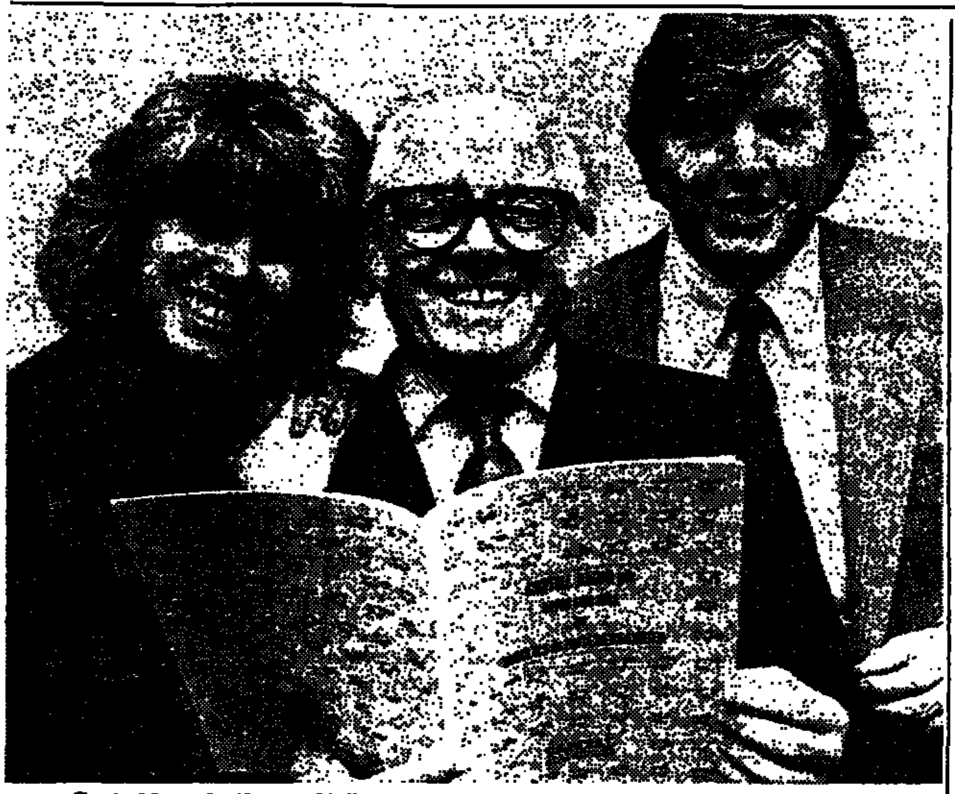
Tan Sri Khoo's son, Khoo Ban Hock (who was chairman of the bank), was arrested on charges of fraud.

The settlement move means that Standard Chartered would stand to regain substantial loans to NBB, estimated at around B$80 million (£25 million), including interbank lending.

Tan Sri Khoo resigned as a director of Standard last year when NBB was closed down. Loans to NBB by Standard are currently the subject of an investigation by the Bank of England.

Tan Sri Khoo took part in rescuing Standard from the takeover bid by Lloyds Bank last year by buying 5 per cent of the bank's shares. The Bank inspectors are investigating whether there was any connection between Tan Sri's Khoo's rescue actions and possible lending to NBB by Standard during or shortly after the bid.

● Standard Chartered, after discussions with the Bank of England, said yesterday that having asked for an investigation into matters relating to the defence of the hostile Lloyds Bank takeover bid, it would be innapropriate to comment at on matters related to the inquiry.



Capital launch: (from left) Joanna Lumley, director; Sir Richard Attenborough, chairman; and Nigel Walmsley, managing director

£16m price for Capital

By Carol Ferguson

Capital Radio, billed as Britain's leading commercial radio station, is coming to the market with a price tag of £16 million. Just over 25 per cent of the issued ordinary share capital is being offered for sale by investment bankers Barclays de Zoete Wedd at 105p each.

The station broadcasts on both AM and FM frequencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to London and the surrounding area. Except for 10 hours on Sundays, the same programmes are broadcast on both frequencies, and music accounts for about two-thirds of programming.

Capital has held the IBA franchise for this area continuously since 1973. The current franchise runs until October, 1992, when it intends to apply for a new franchise.

The population of Capital's service area represents 21 per cent of all those over the age of 5, and accounts for approximately 24 per cent of total UK discretionary expenditure, making it the largest market available to any commercial radio company in the UK.

Capital reaches an audience of 3 million listeners weekly, amounting to 30 per cent of Greater London's population aged over 5. *Its following* among younger listeners is particularly strong, reaching each week 53 per cent of all 15 to 24 year olds and 45 per cent of all 25 to 34 year olds in the area.

Its principle source of revenue is the sale of airtime, currently 9 minutes an hour, to national and local advertisers.

Reported pretax profits for the year to September 30, 1986 were £1.7 million. However, various levies and charges have been reduced for this year, and if these reduced charges had applied last year, the pretax profit would have been £2.4 million. On this basis, the multiple is 10.7.

***The application lists close* on February 19.**

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High St trade to rise

By Anne Warden

High street trade is expected to pick up again after the bad weather but stocks are too high in the motor trade, according to figures issued yesterday by the Confederation of British Industry.

A total of 61 per cent of shopkeepers expected sales to be up on this time last year, with shops selling food, household goods, and furniture being among the most optimistic.

Meanwhile the snow and ice of last month boosted sales for shoe and clothes shops, with 89 per cent and 80 per cent respectively reporting and increase in sales compared with *the same time last year.*

Altogether, two-thirds of the 319 shops in the survey said that sales in January were higher than in the previous year, in spite of the cold

The freeze also had a beneficial effect on small village stores, with customers stocking up on goods for which they usually travelled further from home to buy, said Mr Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel.

However motor traders, burdened this month with stocks they consider too high, reported January orders to suppliers at the same level as last year, in spite of expectations that they would rise.

Wholesalers had a disappointing January.

Sales had slowed more dramatically than had been expected, according to the 205 businesses surveyed. However, *all* except farm machinery dealers expect business to pick up this month.

Closer US links for Lazard

By Richard Thomson

Lazard Brothers yesterday announced the creation of closer links with its New York cousin, Lazard Frères.

Mr Robert Agostinelli and Mr Kim Taipale are joining the London office from the US as part of the Lazard policy of building up an international merchant banking network.

Sir John Nott, chairman of Lazard Brothers, said the move was "further evidence of the successful cooperation between the three Lazard houses in providing broad-ranging investment banking services to existing and potential clients."

The Lazard houses in London, New York and Paris are forging closer links between each other while each house retains a strong presence in its own market.

Sir John said Lazard's international advisory business would concentrate on the corporate finance area.

The three Lazard houses advise on the fourth largest number of cross-border merger and acquisition deals of all international investment houses, according to a survey published recently in the magazine *Euromoney*.

FMS told to halt securities trading

By Colin Narbrough

The watchdog body for licensed securities dealers yesterday issued a directive to FMS Financial Management Services to halt trading in securities. The firm's premises were searched by police fraud squads on Tuesday.

After complaints from the public, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Organization (Fimbra) suspended FMS's membership in December, but was forced to water down the restrictions placed on the firm after an appeal. FMS was allowed to continue trading.

The firm said the police search of its offices in London and Nottingham was linked to doubts about its right to trade in shares in a US company, GSS I-Point, over which there had been litigation. This would soon be resolved, FMS said.

A spokesman for the Department of Trade and Industry, which has overall responsibility for City regulation, said: "The Government is keen to see Fimbra establishing its authority as a central self-regulatory authority, and there is evidence it is doing it right now."

Broker's research team again voted the best

James Capel tops table

By Cliff Feltham

Stockbroking firms which have paid football-style transfer fees to capture new analysts were weighing up the value of their signings yesterday when the magazine *Institutional Investor* produced a league table of the best-performing research teams over the last year.

For the second year running, James Capel topped the charts with Scrimgeour Vickers finishing as runner-up and Hoare Govett capturing third place. There was a tie for fourth place between Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Wood Mackenzie. But Phillips & Drew, which landed third place in 1986, slipped three notches to sixth position.

The league table was compiled from the results of a questionnaire sent to more than 200 leading British money management organizations, asking them to name the analyst they considered to have been most helpful during the past year.

The survey covered an unprecedented time in the City as Big Bang sparked off a frantic *bout of job-hopping* by analysts.

The survey found that institutions were not only looking to an analyst's ability to spot which shares were likely to go up.

The surge of takeover activity also put a premium on analysts sharp enough to forecast whether a bid was likely to succeed or fail.

"Similarly valued are those who are strong-minded enough to go against the crowd and issue a sell on a stock when they deem it necessary," it adds.

Among the analysts singled out for their expertise is Mr Jack Summerscale of Barclays de Zoete Wedd who finished first in two categories, telephone networks and office equipment.

Mr Bob Haville of James Capel came first in industrials with Keith Brown of Greenwell Montague Securities acknowledged as the leading authority in the banks and financial services area.

BEST BROKER

	1986	1987
James Capel	1	1
Scrimgeour Vickers	2	2
Hoare Govett	4	3
BZW	6	4
Wood Mackenzie	5	
Phillips & Drew	3	6
County Secs	11	7
Laing & Cruik	8	8
Smith New Court	13	
Warburg Securities	8	
Greenwell Mont	7	11
Kitcat & Aitken	11	12

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2171.82 (–0.14)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	19874.89 (+60.93)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2754.72 (+15.25)
Amsterdam: Gen	262.6 (+3.6)
Sydney: AO	1574.9 (+14.4)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1755.4 (+12.2)
Brussels:	
General	4062.86 (+22.20)
Paris: CAC	417.2 (+2.4)
Zurich: SKA Gen	537.10 (+0.20)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	85.86 (+0.06)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 11-10$^{15}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 10⅞-$^{9}/_{16}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6$^{3}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.76-5.75%*
30-year bonds 98$^{15}/_{32}$-$^{17}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5195	£: $1.5190*
£: DM2.7776	$: DM1.8300*
£: SwFr2.3499	$: SwFr1.5457*
£: FFr9.2310	$: FFr6.0930*
£: Yen234.07	$: Yen154.15*
£: Index:68.7	$: Index:104.1
ECU £0.747034	SDR £0.829541

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Blue Circle	694p (+16p)
Tate & Lyle	667p (+11p)
S & W Berisford	399p (+11p)
English China	399p (+11p)
Newman Tonks	194p (+10p)
Sarasota Tech.	125p (+18p)
Lookers	273p (+17p)
Friendly Hotels	220p (+10p)
Avana	697p (+10p)
Beales J	255p (+25p)
London Internat.	361p (+31p)
Local London	610p (+95p)
Wickes	284p (+39p)
FALLS:	
B P	874p (–24p)
Dom Holdings	86p (–10p)
Burton	248p (–12p)
C E Heath	420p (–11p)
R T Zinc	745p (–19p)
Dixons	330p (–8p)
Amstrad	157p (–9p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $402.00 pm-$402.30
close $401.00-401.50 (£263.50-264.00)
New York:
Comex $400.60-401.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar) pm $17.40bbl ($17.55)

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Licensed premises up but drinking is down

The number of British licensed premises, particularly off-licences, hotels and restaurants, has increased this decade, but alcohol consumption has decreased, compared with the 1970s, says the Wine and Spirit Association. The number of licensed premises grew by 11 per cent to 190,000 between 1979 and the beginning of 1985, but the growth in the take-home trade could have led to rising pub prices. Average annual alcohol consumption was 6.8 litres a head in the first five years of this decade, down 12.8 per cent compared with the whole previous decade. In 1985, consumption rose to 7.1 litres a head, then fell back to an estimated 7 litres in 1986 although wine drinking was still on a rising trend. A retail price survey in the South showed that in the period 1981-86 the biggest increase was 35.9 per cent for red vermouth. Own-brand brandy was up 29.2 per cent, cognac 24.3 per cent, malt whisky was 23.1 per cent (standard blends rose only 17.5 per cent), while other spirits saw more moderate increases.

Dresdner joins Liffe

Dresdner Bank, West Germany's second biggest commercial bank, has bought a seat on the London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe) and hopes to begin operations in May. The bank said yesterday that its London office would provide personel and organizational support Dresdner, which helped develop Liffe's dollar/mark futures and options market in 1985, said the move reflected the growing importance of Liffe.

W German GNP flat

West German gross national product was flat in 1986 with shrinking exports pushing down the country's output of goods and services in the fourth quarter of the year, the Bundesbank said yesterday. Real GNP in the final quarter was unchanged from the third quarter, after seasonal and calendar adjustments, as expanding domestic demand only barely offset dwindling foreign business. GNP was up 2.5 per cent on the same period the previous year.

Japanese exports up

Japan had an unadjusted trade surplus of about $4.294 billion (£2.82 billion) last month compared with a surplus of $1.884 billion in January, 1986, and $8.699 billion in the previous month, the finance ministry announced yesterday. Exports, as measured when goods passed through the customs, went up 16.2 per cent to $14.865 billion from $12.789 billion a year earlier although they dropped 24.3 per cent from $19.619 billion in December. Imports fell 3.1 per cent to $10.571 billion from $10.905 billion a year earlier while dwindling 3.2 per cent from $10.920 billion in December. The January exports were calculated on a conversion rate of 158.43 yen to the dollar, compared with Y202.02 a year earlier and Y162.77 in December. Imports were measured with the dollar at 159.01 Yen in the latest reporting month. The conversion rate for imports was Y202.07 a year earlier and Y162.73 in December.

US boost for Newmarket

Newmarket Company, the venture capital group, reported assets per share of £1.62 at the end of December, compared with £1.64 at the end of the previous quarter. Mr Alan Henderson, the chairman, said since the end of the year the value of Newmarket's quoted US holdings had increased, due to better performances of US stock markets. Final-quarter realizations were $5.2 million, generating $4.2 million capital gains.

Norsk profits wiped out

Norsk Hydro showed a NKr324 million (£29.2 million) loss from a Nkr2.21 billion (£199.3 million) gain in the previous year. The Norwegian energy, fertilizers and metals group said the result came from the poor fertilizer market and the drop in oil prices and had given constant warnings of a disappointing result to come. The board is proposing to cut the dividend to Nkr4.50 (41p) per share from NKr6.00 (54p).

GM staff shakeup 'will save $500m'

Cuts and reorganizations in General Motors Corporation's salaried staff will save the company $500 million (£329 million) during 1987, Mr Roger Smith, chairman, said in a special letter to shareholders. In the letter, which outlined the company's goals and strategies and the effect of recent cost-cutting, Mr Smith said the figure would increase to annual savings of $2 billion by 1989. He said corporate staff expenses would be reduced each year, resulting in a total annual reduction of $200 million by 1990. While the implementation of General Motors' long-term strategies did have a short-term cost, he said the company's cost improvement plans would take effect quickly and enable it to end 1987 on a positive earnings note. He said divestitures, restructurings and joint ventures implemented would improve the company's profit position beginning this year as these moves result in annual savings of more than $200 million. Mr Smith did not make any specific projections.

STOCK MARKET

Avana's rise to a new high catches dealers on the hop

By Michael Clark

Avana, the bakery and Robertson jam food group, currently fighting off an unwanted £260 million bid from **Ranks Hovis McDougall**, rose 11p to a new peak of 698p after learning that someone else was building up a stake in the shares.

Goodman Fielder, the Australian food group, which already owns a 14.5 per cent stake in bidder RHM, picked up 350,000 Avana shares (1 per cent) in the market yesterday for an undisclosed sum.

The move caught the market on the hop, but it is unlikely Goodman Fielder will use the stake as a springboard for a counter-bid. Most dealers see the purchase of Avana shares as a cheap way into RHM. Goodman is threatened with seeing its sizeable holding in RHM being seriously diluted if RHM succeeds with its bid.

Another big stakeholder in RHM is Fletcher Challenge, the New Zealand food group. The combined stake of Fletcher Challenger and Goodman is just over 19 per cent. It is estimated that this could drop to 14 per cent. RHM's share price ended the day 5p dearer at 309p.

The rest of the equity market spent a nervous day giving up an early lead on rumours that another insider trading scandal was about to surface. Despite another firm start to trading on Wall Street, the FT 30 share index finished 8.2 lower at 1,500.7 having been 1.4 up first thing. The turnround in the broader FT-SE 100 share index was much more dramatic. The opening calculation showing a rise of 11.8 was eventually replaced with a fall of 17.2 at 1,878.6.

Some dealers appeared bewildered by the market's shakeout. Others thought that the long-awaited shakeout was starting to materialize. But in the present volatile conditions few were willing to stake money on it.

Government Securities closed mixed after another dull session.

S & W Berisford, the commodity trader and food group, continues to nudge closer to its peak of 287p with a rise of 12p to 280p. Marketmen expect expect Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to announce his decision any day on the proposed bids for Berisford by **Tate & Lyle** and Groupo Ferruzzi, the Italian conglomerate, which became the subject of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry last summer.

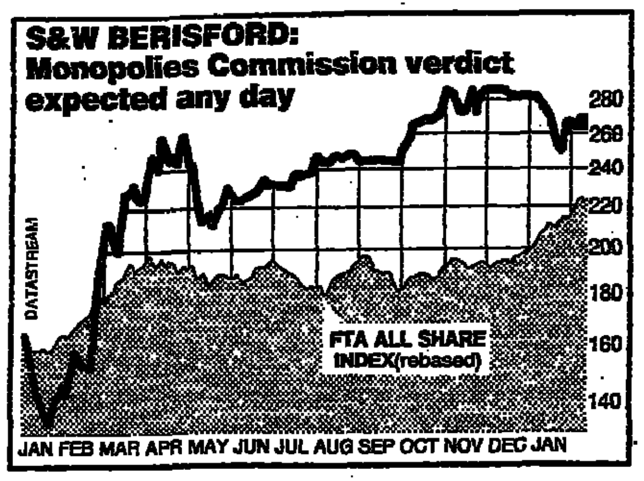
Hillsdown Holdings which was also after Berisford has since dropped out of the running. The scene has also been complicated by a proposed agreement for Ferruzzi to pay Berisford £420 million for a 70 per cent stake in its wholly-owned subsidiary British Sugar Corporation.

A green light from the Government would no doubt be the signal for a free-fall and would be welcomed by the market. But a number of dealers remained convinced that both bids will be blocked. This may have been behind yesterday's support for Tate & Lyle which climbed 11p to 677p — just 7p short of its peak.

Burton Group was the subject of increased speculation yesterday about its conduct during the bid for Debenhams amid suggestions that the weekend press would carry further revelations. The price slipped 6p to 254p on turnover of 23 million shares and was not helped by Cazenove placing a line of 4 million shares.

Cadbury Schweppes continued to respond to this week's upgrading of profits by Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, with a 5p rise to a 243p. Henderson has increased its estimate from £125 million to £127.5 million for the year just ended. That compares with £93.3 million in 1985.

S&W BERISFORD: Monopolies Commission verdict expected any day



Cadbury has been the subject of intense speculation in recent weeks following the news that General Cinema Corporation had bought an 8.3 per cent stake in the company. GCC has already applied for permission to increase its holding up to 25 per cent. But suggestions that it has been adding to its stake this week appear to be wide of the mark. Under SEC regulations in US, it must wait until later this month before buying any more shares.

Blue Circle Industries, Britain's biggest cement producer, recovered from an early setback to finish 21p up on the day at 697p. This followed the news that the Cement-Makers Federation had agreed to terminate its price-fixing agreement because of the growing threat of cheap cement imports. The problem of cheap imports from Greece and Eastern Europe has been a source of concern to Britain's cement producers for some time as overseas producers continued to increase their hold on the British market.

The decision to terminate the agreement leaves the federation's members free to become more competitive. But other members of the cartel failed to gain any inspiration from the move. **Rio Tinto-Zinc** fell 19p to 745p and **Rugby Portland Cement** 4.5p to 206.5p.

The hotel operators continued to draw strength from this week's bullish survey on the sector by Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, which also arranged a seminar for fund managers on Wednesday. **Friendly Hotels** advanced 13p to a new peak of 223p, **Mount Charlotte Investments** 0.5p to 106p, while **Jury Hotels** recovered an early fall to close all square at 111p.

London Park Hotels, which earlier this week announced it had received an approach which may lead to a bid being made, advanced another 8p to 638p. **Rushlake Hotels**, a private company controlled by two LPH directors Messrs Nurdin and Naushad Jivraj, owns 57 per cent of the shares. A further 10.7 per cent stake is held by the Kuwait Investment Office.

Oil shares came ran into renewed selling following increased pressure on the price of oil on world markets. The price of Brent crude for March delivery fell nearly ½ cent to $17.40 a barrel and according to Mr Philip Kapadia, oil expert with Raphael Zorn, the broker, could soon hit $16 a barrel. There are suggestion that the Opec oil production is currently running 300,000 barrels a day over the production quotas laid down at its last meeting in Geneva.

Oil shares on Wall Street have also been running into trouble with Shearson Lehman American Express, the New York investment house, said to have turned bearish of oil shares generally.

BP fell a further 29p to 759p, **Shell** 21p to £10.88 **London & Scottish Marine Oil** 7p to 183p, **Britoil** 13p to 182p, **Burmah** 6p to 408p and **Enterprise Oil** 9p to 198p.

● TOKYO: Share prices ended higher on heavy volume, as financial, heavy industrial and aids-related issues advanced. Nippon Telegraph and Telephone shares were quoted at Y1.86 million yen (£75,300) by the close, up 260,000 yen. Traders said bullishness in steel and securities issues accounted for the day's high turnover, and helped share prices to edge up despite scattered profit taking. The Nikkei index rose 60.9 to 19,874.89.

● SYDNEY: Shares climbed again. Wednesday's gain on Wall Street helped, brokers said, but the Australian market was driven up mainly by local factors, particularly by takeovers and talk of more bids. Broken Hill Proprietary remained in the spotlight on rumours that Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Resources will make another try or that Elders IXL and Bell Resources will team to bid for the Australian steel, oil and mining concern at as much as Aus$14 a share. News Corporation helped also to lead the market to record levels. The All Ordinaries index advanced 14.9 to 1,574.8.

There seems to be a difference of opinion between brokers about prospects for London International Group. James Capel was a seller earlier this week, but rival L. Messel was reckoned to bid for 300,000 shares yesterday at 360p on behalf of Japanese clients. The price responded with a rise of 26p to a new high of 357p.

Early G5 talks ruled out

From Bailey Morris Washington

A collapse of the economic alliance forged by the Group of Five is feared by senior diplomats after Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, failed to convince the Group of Five leading industrialized countries to hold urgent talks on exchange rates.

West German officials said Mr Baker had lost "important friends" in Europe as a result of his high-handed rhetoric in talking down the dollar and demanding more growth from America's allies.

However, European and Japanese officials said their governments were prepared to put forward new policies which could "paper over" the differences at the interim committee meeting of the International Monetary Fund in April.

Another sharp drop in the dollar could force America's partners to reconsider the decision not to hold a meeting in the next two weeks. There is no agreement yet on a common policy while there is sharp disagreement over a US proposal to establish reference zones.

Japan, which has so far refused to institute another interest rate cut, will unveil at the next G5 meeting a package of proposals to stimulate its domestic economy by building new roads, bridges and sewage systems in rural areas, officials said. This announcement of "a stimulative infrastructure programme" is not expected before April.

West Germany will commit itself to a specific timetable for a tax reform package which will result in stimulative tax cuts worth an estimated DM45 billion (£16.3 billion) in the first phase, officials said.

Markets are now nervously watching the recent rise in US interest rates to determine whether this is a short-term correction or a policy change by the US Federal Reserve.

ALPHA STOCKS

These volumes are as at 6.45pm

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	2,300	Gen Accident	284	Rank Hovis	3,100
Amstrad	12,000	GEC	13,000	Reckitt Colman	225
ASDA-MFI	5,400	Glaxo	2,700	Redland	938
Ass Br Foods	422	Granada	766	Reed Int	1,300
BET	362	Grand Met	3,500	Reuters	998
BTR	2,000	GUS 'A	448	RTZ	1,100
BAT	1,200	GRE	673	Rowntree	1,200
Barclays	968	GKN	1,000	Royal Ins	1,100
Bass	162	Guinness	6,500	Saatchi	883
Beecham	1,700	Hanson	9,000	Sainsbury (J)	1,900
Blue Circle	5,500	Hawker Siddeley	1,000	Scot Newell	2,600
BOC	1,600	Hillsdown	464	Sears	5,800
Boots	2,500	Imp Chem Ind	2,000	Sedgwick Gp	1,900
BPB Ind	706	Imp Cont Gas	1,500	Shell	5,000
Br Aerospace	4,200	Jaguar	648	Smith & Nephew	2,800
Br Gas	22,000	Ladbroke	1,200	STC	1,300
Br Petroleum	5,100	Land Securities	1,900	Stan Chart	229
Br Telecom	9,600	Legal & Gen	1,100	Storehouse	2,200
Britoil	12,000	Lloyds	1,300	Sun Alliance	581
Burton	23,000	Lonrho	4,800	Tarmac	1,300
Cable & Wireless	3,700	Marks & Spencer	4,600	TSB P/P	3,400
Cadbury Schwep	7,300	Midland	1,200	Tesco	3,500
Coats Viyella	1,600	Nat West	1,300	Thorn EMI	1,600
Com Union	7,400	P & O Dfrd	2,400	Trafalgar House	1,900
Cons Goldfields	627	Pearson	648	Trusthouse Forte	801
Cookson Gp	435	Pilkington Bros	1,700	Unilever	187
Courtaulds	2,000	Plessey	5,700	Utd Biscuits	1,800
Dee Corp	3,200	Prudential	500	Wellcome	1,600
Dixons Gp	5,000	Racal Elect	2,300	Whitbread 'A'	4,200
Fisons	666	Rank Org	87	Woolworth	833

Peek Holdings buys Sarasota

By Ray Heath

The first stage in the metamorphosis of Peek Holdings from a Liverpool-based shell company with some residual interests in grain and scrap metal into a technology oriented business was taken yesterday by its chief executive, Mr Kenneth Maud.

The company is buying Sarasota Technology, the Hampshire electronics group which makes sensors, transducers, and microcumputers, but whose profits have been disappointing over the past three years.

After a capital reconstruction of Peek last year, Mr Maud's Javelin Vehicle emerged with 54 per cent of the company, and he took over.

Peek's offer of 23 ordinary shares for 10 Sarasota shares values the electronics company at 145p, against 107p on Wednesday evening and puts on a price tag of £25.6 million. There is a cash alternative of 115p per share.

Peek has received acceptances from holders of 49.5 per cent of Sarasota.

Sarasota's products are used in vehicle detection and in the measurement of density, flow rate and levels of fluids.

When Mr Maud moved into Peek, after resigning as chief executive of South Africa's largest electronics group, he attracted the support of City institutions such as Hambros, Throgmorton Investment Management, and Touche Remnant, who have invested £1.5 million in the company.

It expects profits of £27,000 in the year to end-December, against a loss of £285,000 in 1985.

Toyota profits plunge 44.4%

Tokyo (AP-Dow Jones) — Toyota Motor Corporation, Japan's largest carmaker, yestereday reported that its unconsolidated net earnings plunged 44.4 per cent to 75.678 billion yen (£324 million) in the first half to December 31 from Y136.175 billion a year earlier mostly due to the yen's sharp appreciation.

Sales dipped 4.6 per cent to Y3,.025 billion from Y3,171 billion. Net profit per share tumbled to Y28.38 from Y51.07.

Toyota plans to pay Y8 as interim dividend, including a Y2 special dividend. A year ago it paid Y9, including a Y2 special dividend and another Y1 dividend to commemorate the production of 50 million cars since the establishment of the company.

Toyota's operating income went down 46.9 per cent from a year earlier to Y117.658 billion.

Mr Masami Iwasaki, Toyota's executive vice-president, said that foreign exchange-related losses totalled about Y210 billion during the period. Like other Japanese carmakers, Toyota has been suffering seriously from the yen's sharp rise since late 1985, which has made its products more expensive in overseas markets.

Mr Iwasaki said capital spending for the full fiscal year would come to about Y300 billion, down from an original plan of Y330 billion.

In brief

● **T COWIE:** The group has bought a 15 per cent stake in fellow vehicle distributor, Lookers, whose board said it regarded the holding as possibly aggressive and therefore unwelcome.

● **WILLIAM RANSOM & SONS:** Half year to September 30. Interim dividend 0.4p to reduce disparity (0.18p), payable April 7. Figures in £000. Turnover 2,553 (3,108), pretax profit 231 (223), tax 81 (89), eps 0.99p (0.89p). The fourth quarter has started well on the home market and exports are steady although company has not yet felt the full beneficial effect of the weaker pound.

● **ESTATES PROPERTY INVESTMENT CO:** Six months to October 31. Interim 3p (same), payable April 2. The directors expect gross rental income of more than £8 million for the full year and also expect to recommend a final dividend of 6p (5.5p). Net property income 3,056 (2,267), investment income and interest receivable 100 (55), net income before tax 1,775 (1,728), eps 6.64p (6.00p adjusted).

● **ELBIEF:** Six months to October 31. Interim dividend 0.532p (same), payable April 11. Figures in £000. Turnover 2,040 (2,048), profit 253 (302), tax 89 (121), eps 1.30p (1.43p).

● **TRITON EUROPE:** Half year ended November 30 (figures in £000). Turnover 10,553 (18,982), loss before tax 3,558 (profit 11,580), tax 512 (6,782), loss attributable to shareholders 4,070 (profit 4,798), loss per share 4.93p (earnings 5.82p).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

WALL STREET

Shares edge ahead in early trading

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street shares were mostly higher in early trading yesterday but remained subject to mild bouts of profit-taking.

A decline in semiconductor issues, the group that boosted the market late on Wednesday, proved somewhat discouraging to investors.

A larger-than-expected decline in January retail sales provided some solace to investors that have been nervous about potential tightening of monetary policy to support the dollar.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 9.70 to 2,182.09 at one stage when the transport indicator was 1.33 lower at 917.15 and the utilities average 0.05 lower at 221.33. The 65 stocks average was up 1.77 to 835.56.

Advancing shares were leading declining issues by a slight margin on volume of about 58 million shares.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500-share index rose 0.26 to 277.80 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 0.21 to 158.68.

Texas Instruments fell 2½ to 156½ in early deals.

● Lower than expected January US retail sales figures sent the dollar below DM1.81 after release of the indicator by the US Commerce Department.

The Department said January retail sales were down 5.8 per cent to a seasonally adjusted $119.27 billion (£78 billion). Excluding car industry figures, retail sales were down 0.1 per cent in January.

December figures were revised up to 4.6 per cent.

Foreign exchange dealers and analysts said that January figures would perpetuate the bearish sentiment toward the health of the US economy already present in the market.

Before the figures were released, the dollar was trading at DM1.8155 and 153.64 yen. A little later the US unit was changing hands for DM1.8080 and 153.45 yen.

	Feb 11	Feb 10
AMR Cp	57¾	57¾
ASA	41¼	41½
Aetna Life	61¾	61¾
Allied Signal	45¾	45¾
Allis Chalm	.3	2¾
Alcoa	43¾	41¼
Amax Inc	16¼	16¾
AMR Hess	28¼	28
Am Brands	48¾	49½
Am Can	99¾	99¾
Am Cynmd	87¾	86¾
Am Ele Pwr	29½	29¾
Amex	67¾	67¾
Am Home	81¾	81¾
Am Motors	3¾	3¾
Am Stand	46¼	46¾
Am Telph	23¾	23¾
Amoco Cp	76¾	75¾
Armco Steel	7¾	7¾
Asarco Inc	18¾	18¾
Ashland Oil	62¾	62
Atl Richfld	68¾	68¾
Avon Prod	29¾	30
Bk Boston	30	29¾
Bank NY	39¾	39¾
Bankamer	13	13
Bkrs Tst NY	47¾	48
Beth Steel	7¾	7¾
Boeing	50¾	50¼
Boise Casc	77¾	75¾
Borden	56½	55¾
Borg Warnr	40¾	40¾
Brist Myer	92¾	92¾
BP	48¾	48¾
Brunswick	40¾	39¾
Burl Ind	44¾	44¾
Burl Nth	65¾	64¾
CBS	147¾	145
CPC Int	45¾	44
Cmpbell Sp	60¾	60
Can Pacific	16¾	16¾
Caterpillar	46¼	45¾
Celanese	242¾	242½
Centrl SW	35¾	36
Champion	37¼	36½
Chase Man	38¾	38¾
Chem NY	47¾	47
Chevron	50½	51½
Chrysler	45¾	45¾
Citicorp	55¾	55
Clark Eq	24	24
Coca Cola	43	41¾
Colgate	46¾	45¾
Columb Gas	49	49
Cmb'tn Eng	38½	38¾
Cmwlth Edi	35¾	36
Cons Edis	46¾	46¾
Cn Nat Gas	38	37¾
Cons Pwr	17¾	16¾
Cont Data	29¾	28¾
Corning Gl	56¾	56¼
Crane	42	42
Curtiss Wrt	56¾	56¾
Data Genl	35½	35¾
Deere Cp	27½	26¾
Delta Airl	61¾	60¾
Detroit Edi	18¼	18
Digital Eq	150¾	148¾
Disney	55¾	54¾
Dow Chem	72¾	71¾
Dresser Ind	24½	24½
Dupont	99¾	98¾
Duke Pwr	48¾	49
East Kodak	78¾	78¾
Eaton Cp	82¾	82
Emerson El	100¾	99½
Emery Air	12¾	12¾
Exxon	83¼	83¾
Fed Dpt Sts	84½	84¾

	Feb 11	Feb 10
Firestone	31¾	31
Fst Chicago	31¾	31½
Fst Int Bncp	57	57
Fst Penn C	9¾	9¾
FT Wachva	41¼	40¾
Ford Motor	75	73¾
GAF Cp	43¾	42¾
GTE Cp	62¾	61¾
Gen Cp	75¾	74¾
Gn Dynam	73¾	73
Gen Elect	99¾	98¾
Gen Inst	24¾	23¾
Gen Mills	48¾	47¾
Gen Motors	75	75¾
Gen Pub Ut	25¾	25¾
Genesco	4¾	4¾
Georgia Pac	45¾	45
Gillette	60	58¾
Goodrich	51¼	51¼
Goodyear	52¾	50½
Gould Inc	20¾	20
Grace Cp	54¾	53¾
Grt Atl Pac	27¾	27
Greyhnd	35¾	34¾
Gruman	29¾	28¾
Gulf & West	73	72¾
Heinz	45¾	45
Hercules	60¾	59¾
Hewlet Pk	53¾	52¾
Honeywell	67	64¾
IC Ind	28¼	27¾
ITT Cp	61¾	60¾
INCO	13¾	13¾
Ingersoll	75¾	76¾
Inland Steel	24¾	24¾
IBM	134	133½
Int Paper	93¾	92¾
Irving Bk	50½	50
Jhsn & Jhsn	79¾	77
K Mart Cp	51¾	51¼
Kaiser Alum	15¾	15¾
Kerr McGee	32¾	32¾
Kimbl Clark	109¾	107¾
Kroger	32¾	32½
LTV Cp	2¾	2
Litton	81¾	81
Lockheed	54¾	54¾
Lucky Str	29¾	28¾
Man H'nver	46¾	46¾
Manville	2	1¾
Mapco	60¾	60¾
Marine Mid	52¾	51¾
Mt Marrietta	44¾	43¾
Masco	35¾	34¾
Mcdonalds	69¾	68¾
McDonnell	75¾	74¾
Mead Cp	66¾	65¾
Merck	133¾	134¾
Minsta Mng	131	128¾
Mobil	45	45½
Monsanto	78	78¾
Morgan Jp	44¾	45¾
Motorola	49¾	46¾
NCR	58¾	57¾
NL Indstrs	6	6¾
Nat Distlr	58	58¾
Nat Md Ent	24	23¾
Nat Semi	15¾	14¾
Norfolk Sth	94¾	93¾
NW Bancrp	40¾	40
Occid Pet	32¾	31¾
Ogden Cp	50¾	49¾
Olin Cp	47¾	46¾
Owens Ill	59¾	59¾
PPG Ind	85¾	84
Pac Gas El	26¾	25¾
Pan Am	5¾	5¾
Penney JC	84	83
Pennzoil	72	71¾

	Feb 11	Feb 10
Pepsico	32	31¾
Pfizer	68¾	67¾
Phelps Dod	26¾	27¾
Philip Mor	84¾	84¾
Philip Ptrl	13¾	13¾
Polaroid	79¾	78¾
Proct Gble	86	86½
Pub Svc Eg	41½	41¾
Raytheon	76¾	76¾
Rynlds Met	50	49¾
Rockwell Int	55¾	54¾
Royal Dutch	106¾	105½
SFE Sopac	34¾	33¾
Sara Lee	42¾	42¾
Schlumb	39¾	38¾
Scott Pap	76¾	76¾
Seagram	66¾	66
Sears Roeb	47¾	47
Shell Trans	67¾	67¾
Singer	45	44¾
Smthkln Bk	103¾	103¾
Sony Cp	20¾	20¾
Sth Cal Edi	36¾	35¾
SW Bell	113½	112
Std Oil	59	60
Sterl Drug	48¾	48¾
Stevens JP	42¾	42
Sun Cpmp	60¾	60¾
TRW Inc	104¾	104¾
Teledyne	314¾	312¾
Tenneco	43¾	42¾
Texaco	39¾	38¾
Tex Eastn	34¾	34¾
Tex Inst	159	152¾
Tex Util	35¾	35
Textron	63¾	63¾
Travelers	50¾	49¾
UAL Inc	57¾	56¼
USG	39¾	39¾
USX Cp	24¾	24
Unilever NV	245½	242
Un Carbide	26¾	25¾
Un Pac Cp	74¾	73¾
Unisys Cp	102¾	100¾
Utd Brands	47¾	47½
Utd Tech	50¾	50¾
Unocal	31¾	31¾
Walter Jim	52¾	52¾
Warn Lamb	67¾	66
Wells Far	53¾	53¾
Westg El	61	59¾
Weyerhsr	47	46
Whirlpool	35¾	35¾
Woolworth	44¾	43¾
Xerox Cp	69¾	67¾
Zenith	22¾	22¾

CANADIAN PRICES

	Feb 11	Feb 10
Agnico Eag	28¾	28¾
Alcn Alum	47¾	46¾
Algoma Stl	10¾	10¾
Can Pacific	22¾	21¾
Cominco	15	15¾
Con Bathrst	33¾	32¾
Hkr Sid Can	25½	26½
Hdsn B Min	26¾	26¾
Imasco	34½	33¾
Imperial Oil	59¾	58¾
In Pipe	46	46¾
Ryl Trustco	32¾	32½
Seagram	89½	88¾
Steel Co	23¾	23¾
Thmsn N 'A'	31¾	32
Varity Corp	3.25	3.25
WCT	15	14¾
Weston	35¾	35¾

Trusthouse Forte PLC
ANOTHER YEAR OF GROWTH

Results
Year to 31st October, 1986

	1986 £m	1985 £m
Sales	1,476.5	1,244.5
Gross trading profit	207.0	184.3
Profit before tax	136.0	129.6
Profit attributable to shareholders	97.1	86.7
Earnings per share (net)	12.42p	11.11p
Dividends per share	6.00p	5.45p

Earnings per share increased by 12% and doubled in the last five years.
Fixed assets now exceed £1,500 million.
Dividends per share increased by 10%.
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3,000 new jobs created during the year.
The Company is in the forefront of promoting tourism and stimulating foreign earnings for the country.
The new financial year has started well and we look forward to the rest of the year with confidence.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Comet commute

The journey into work will soon be a lot easier for the top men at Comet, the electrical arm of Woolworth Holdings, now that it is moving its commercial office from Hull to London. Its new offices in the north London suburb of Stanmore will be only a couple of miles away from the Dixons HQ in Edgware, where, ironically, most of the Comet top brass used to work and still own houses. Last August, fresh from Woolies' successful defence of the Dixons bid, Eddie Styring switched from being managing director of Dixons to managing director of Comet, taking with him a selection of Dixons colleagues, including Brent Wilkinson as buying and marketing director and Peter "bugged" Hopper as a buying director. Could the move to London be a signal that further Dixons defections are imminent? Stay tuned for further bulletins . . .

"It's from British Airways — our shares have been sent to Karachi."

Inside track

The spate of insider trading prosecutions currently going on across the Atlantic is becoming something of a circus. All guilty defendents have been sentenced to a year and a day in jail — a comparatively small price to pay for the millions of dollars now safely stashed away. Prosecuting attorney Rudolph Giuliani has now hit out at the leniency of the sentences telling an audience of US dignitaries — including Arthur Levitt, chairman of the New York Stock Exchange — that they were tantamount to announcing that "you may as well do it and get away with it." All eyes will now be on luckless Dennis Levine, the former Drexel Burnham dealer, up for sentencing on Wednesday, to see if he gets similar treatment.

● Warrington and Runcorn Development Corporation has made a surprising choice for the figurehead of its campaign to attract investors to the North-west. Spearheading the campaign — and speaking to fifty of the City's top institutional investors at Claridge's next Monday — is the Duke of Westminster, who owns more property in central London than almost anyone else.

It's a secret

Staff at Debenhams are busily destroying all evidence, it seems, of plans to call the lingerie departments in its new-look stores "Secret Affair". Despite claims by its public relations staff at its Oxford Street headquarters — "We don't know what you're talking about — there never were plans to call it Secret Affair." — I gather that at its Preston, Lancashire, branch, the first of its stores to be remodelled, the "Secret Affair" sign is still be displayed. "But we don't call it that anymore," giggled one sales girl.

Over-booked

British Airways has already booked the Albert Hall for its first annual meeting on June 29 and prayers are now being sent heavenward that its list of 1.2 million shareholders will by then be considerably reduced. It estimates that it will probably have around 500,000 shareholders and its public affairs supremo David Burnside says he is "keeping his fingers crossed" that not all of them will turn up. The Albert Hall has seats for just 4,399 people — plus four wheelchair spaces.

Woman driver

With the levers of power in Palace, Parliament and Westminster all in feminine hands, petticoat rule is rampant. Women striking terror in the hearts of men are not of course a modern phenomenon. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir David Rowe-Ham, lunching yesterday with the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Anne Mallinson, recalled the darling of the Ancient Brits, Boadicea, whose "chariot had knives upon each wheel; which were guaranteed to frighten Roman nerves of steel;
But the thing they really hated,
Which gave them much more fright;
Was when she put her left hand out,
And then turned to the right."

Carol Leonard

Cement splits to face frost of competition

Now that the old cartel has gone, the industry can shed its armour and charge variable prices

One of the oldest cartels in the country has been disbanded leaving British cement manufacturers to fight it out. Blue Circle Industries, Rugby Portland Cement and Rio Tinto-Zinc, will now be able to charge variable prices throughout the country responding, if needs be, to local market conditions.

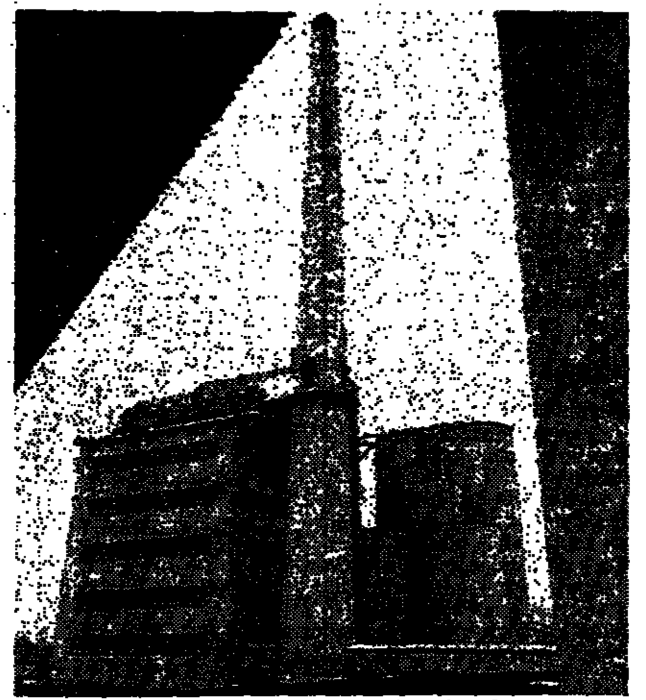
The industrial logic behind the disbanding of the cartel has been clear for some time but the manufacturers, in particular Blue Circle, the market leader with a 56.5 per cent share, have been reluctant to bite the bullet.

Blue Circle's results for the first half of last year revealed that, after exceptional costs, it lost money from selling cement in Britain — by all accounts a sorry state of affairs.

This goaded the group into action and, armed with two newly modernized plants and with a substantial reduction in manpower underway, it no doubt felt more able to abandon the armour which in recent years has been more of a hindrance than a help.

The common price agreement, as the cartel is more politely known, has been in existence since 1934. It has successfully defended itself over the years, maintaining that it was in the public interest for cement prices to be fixed country-wide with the only variations allowed being attributable to haulage costs.

The CPA was designed to create the price stability which would enable manufacturers to make long-term capital expenditure decisions in an industry notorious for the high cost of manufacturing plant.



Blue Circle: moving in the right direction

In an inflationary environment where demand was rising it was a sellers' market and the British manufacturers were in clover. However, faced with a declining market after the construction industry peak in 1973, the cement majors were vulnerable.

The amount of cement manufacturered in Britain fell from 20 million tonnes in 1973 to just over 13 million tonnes last year and the industry reduced its capacity accordingly.

However, the manufacturers were accused of complacencyand it was claimed that they tended to rely on price increases rather than cost reductions to increase their profitability.

The geographical position of the country made it seemingly impossible for customers to buy their cement elsewhere, particularly given the high costs of haulage and the currency risks.

By the late 1970s, however, overcapacity in Britain was accompanied by a surplus in Europe and the rest of the world. The British market became a perfect target for importers. The situation also played into the importers' hands since it was impossible — courtesy of the common price agreement — for a British producer to respond to local difficulties by strategic price cutting.

Imports have dribbled into Britain from several Comecon countries as well as from Spain, Greece and West Germany since the early 1980s. Rumours of significant volumes of imports have never been substantiated in mainland Britain primarily because of importers' difficulties in securing large customers.

Cement imports have tended to be an emotive issue, particularly since many of the European producers enjoy government subsidies for fuel — an important variable cost. Even now imports account for only a couple of per cent of the market.

A more insiduous development, however, has been the growth in the use of substitute materials or extenders.

Blast furnace slag and pulverized fuel ash are the two main materials which can be blended successfully with ordinary Portland cement without imparing its cementitious properties. They are substantially cheaper than cement. They account for twice as much of the market as imports so the British producers' increased flexibilty will have to deal with this threat also.

Large users of cement such as RMC Group, Redland, Marley and Tarmac stand to benefit from the disbanding of the CPA. They will be able to "bulk buy" at discount prices while still receiving the same quality of product and service. The emphasis on low-cost production will have the effect of putting a downward pressure on cement prices.

Smaller users may be feeling more vulnerable since they do not exercise much market muscle and many of them may be situated in outlying areas which were previously serviced as one of the conditions of the CPA.

What manufacturers such as Blue Circle will do about supplying uneconomical areas such as the outer reaches of Scotland and the South West is as yet unknown but they may start by charging more commercial prices for their product.

Blue Circle has been an increasingly unattractive investment compared to the other main investment vehicle in this industry, Rugby Portland Cement, because of its lack of success in its domestic market and the volatility of its overseas earnings. Rugby has faced the problem of a static British cement market by investing in timber-related businesses in Britain and America.

Although Blue Circle's investment in the US has gone some way to comforting investors, the group is still perceived as introspective and undynamic. The disbanding of the CPA may be indicative of a more forward looking management style at BCI.

Although it could be some time before the financial effects of this change of heart is felt, at least the group is moving in the right direction.

Alexandra Jackson

TEMPUS

Tricky route through the ether at Capital

With all new issues, pitching the price is more of an art than a science. Capital Radio has some special features which make the pricing more of a balancing act than usual.

The five-year profit record does not tell a story of consistent growth. Not only has advertising revenue fluctuated but pretax profits have been at the mercy of a seemingly capricious IBA which has both raised and lowered its charges several times in the five years.

The most recent move has been to reduce the primary rental.

Furthermore, royalties for performing rights have been reduced to 7 per cent of net advertising revenue from 9 per cent, while the exchequer levy of 40 per cent was abolished in April, 1986.

Consequently, this year is a year of low charges. If the latest rate of charges had applied last year, the pro forma pretax profit would have been £2.4 million, rather than the £1.7 million for the year to September 30 actually reported.

The issue has been priced on the pro forma earnings. At the offer price of 105p a share, the yield is 6.7 per cent, compared with 4 per cent for the market, and the historic multiple is 10.7 times (market multiple 16). The shares look cheap.

Where is the catch?

Apart from the patchy profit record and susceptibility to ever-changing levies, there appear to be two main risks associated with the shares.

The first relates to its IBA franchise which expires in 1992. Capital intends to apply for the new franchise on the expiry, but if it fails it can kiss goodbye to 95 per cent of its revenues.

The second concerns future growth. Since Capital is able to sell all of its allowed 9 minutes an hour of advertising time, growth on its existing business configuration is limited to negotiating more minutes with IBA, charging more to the advertisers and renting spare capacity sidebands on its FM frequency.

Real growth would come only if the company were successful in its plea to the IBA for more "split frequency" programming, which will allow it to broadcast different programmes on its AM and FM frequencies all week, rather than just on Sundays as at present.

Another avenue of future growth could come through participation in any future national commercial radio station.

Once the risks have been identified, the shares look like less of a bargain. However, owning the shares is probably the best way of gaining exposure to what could become a high growth industry.

And there is likely to be keen interest in the issue, especially among Capital Radio's 4 million listeners. An early premium looks likely.

Kennedy Brookes

Michael Golder, chairman of the Kennedy Brookes restaurant, hotel and travel chain feels as if he is defending a position after being told told to spike his own guns.

To fall in with Accounting Standard SSAP 22, he has got to amortise, or eliminate completely, intangible assets from his balance sheet.

Those assets are key names in the gastronomic world like Mario and Franco, Wheeler's, Maxims and the Cafe Des Amis, which might not mean a lot North of Watford, but have a strong niche in the South, and are said to be the unwanted focus of bidders.

Biting the bullet, Kennedy Brookes has written them down to nil, which has resulted in a £3,780,000 extraordinary item below the line, and inclusive of that, takes £21 million off the balance sheet.

Naturally, Mr Golder thinks they are worth a lot more than that, and will say so if the bid ever materialises.

However, a revaluation of property has increased net assets per share 74p to 139p.

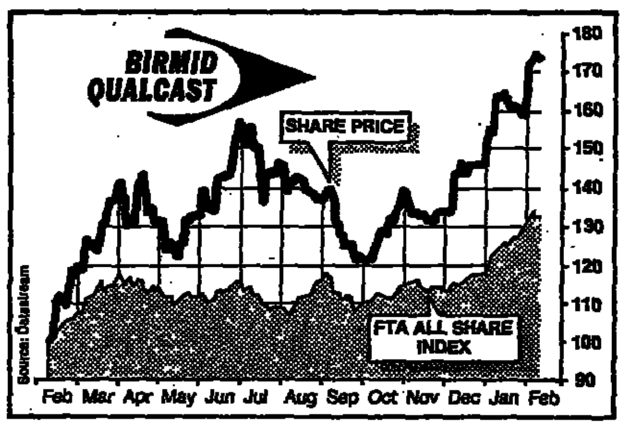
Meanwhile last year's profits, hit by the downturn in US tourism and bad weather provide some sort of a redoubt, thanks to some good housekeeping.

Turnover was up five per cent to £43.8 million, but profits climbed 39 per cent to £5,819,000.

Earnings per share of 27p put the shares on a p/e of 10 at last night's 270p, which is reasonable, but doesn't seem to reflect bid possibilities.

The increase in dividend from 1.54 pence to 1.95p looks good tactics to earn the support fo shareholders.

Birmid Qualcast



Birmid Qualcast's 30 per cent increase in pretax profits to £13.1 million was in line with market expectations, but the dividend increase of 27 per cent was a little more than expected. The shares rose 8½p to 176½p.

Overall turnover was static at £203,787, but included a 30 per cent fall in engineering, a 23 per cent rise in the heating division, a 6.6 per cent gain in home and garden equipment and a 5.6 per cent fall in foundries.

Engineering made operating losses of £1.09 million compared with profits of £232,000, due mainly to the sharp drop in demand from farmers and local authorities for irrigation equipment.

Birmid has now sold the loss-making subsidiaries, which will lead to loss elimination of £1.6 million this year. Although the company raised £2.6 million cash from the sales, there was a £4.6 million book loss taken as an extraordinary item. Extraordinaries, including stock write-offs, totalled £5.1 million compared with £4.2 million the previous year.

Gas central heating concern, Potterton, took advantage of a buoyant market. Demand for replacement boilers on systems put in 20 years ago, when Potterton already had a significant market share, was keen.

Home and garden had a mixed year. Lawnmowers increased profits and held their market share at around 45 to 50 per cent, despite the overall drop in the market of some 5 to 7 per cent. Bathroom ceramics were a runaway success, but kitchens produced losses of several hundred thousand pounds.

Foundries made operating profits of £3.2 million against £1.3 million and are now seen as an area of opportunity, as multinational motor groups start to switch sourcing of components back to Britain.

Profits this year should rise to £16.2 million, giving an undemanding prospective p/e ratio of 9.7. The tax charge may rise to 26 per cent compared with 21.5 per cent last year.

The rise in the tax charge to more normal levels over the next few years could keep the rating depressed, although news on possible acquisitions might add excitement.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Bank and IFS bring out the hairshirts

The fiscal hairshirt promises to become the highlight of this year's spring collections. Yesterday, the Institute for Fiscal Studies and the Bank of England, each in its own way, urged the Chancellor to trim his borrowing requirement in the Budget.

The IFS, now very definitely carrying the London Business School stamp of its new director, Bill Robinson, argues for a cut in the public sector borrowing requirement to £6 billion in the March 17 Budget. This would still leave room for a couple of billion of income tax cuts. All this is based on an oil price assumption of $15 a barrel, somewhat below current levels and the target of $18 a barrel set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. If the Treasury chooses to assume an $18 a barrel oil price for 1987/88, then the PSBR target should be lower still, perhaps £5 billion. The original target, it may be recalled, was £7 billion.

The Bank of England, which handled the distribution of its February Quarterly Bulletin with rather more care than the Ministry of Defence with the secret file on the Zircon project, is of a similar view, although the message has to be conveyed more discreetly.

There are, in the Bank's view, several factors which mitigate against an early reduction in interest rates. The recorded inflation rate is expected to settle at about 4 per cent for a time, but both it and the underlying rate are expected to show some modest upturn as the year progresses. Sterling's performance continues to be disappointing, and its recovery has lagged well behind that of the oil price. Bank lending remains strong and, this may come as a surprise to the markets, M0 is still regarded as a problem.

The Bank is prepared for a good M0 figure for January, to be published next Thursday. It is also prepared to regard this as something of a freak. The official view is that the underlying rate of growth of M0 remains firmly locked in the upper half of its 2 to 6 per cent target range.

The Chancellor, the Bank believes, could offset some of these adverse factors by announcing a borrowing reduction. This, coming after this year's PSBR undershoot would, it is felt, improve the environment for interest rate cuts. This year's undershoot, while welcomed by the Bank, is causing one or two problems. Funding the PSBR exactly is going to prove very difficult. Officials concede that getting within £500 million either side of the PSBR outturn would be good going.

The route to lower interest rates, on both IFS and Bank arguments, is through market confidence, and notably the confidence of the foreign exchange markets. One should look very carefully at such arguments. The foreign exchanges, if they notice it at all, will regard a lower PSBR target as a bull factor for sterling for, at most, a week, before a new opinion poll or set of trade figures directs them elsewhere. If there are pressing options, either on taxation or public spending, is it worth forsaking them for a week of grace in the currency markets?

Problems before take-off

First dealings in British Airways provoked the knee-jerk response: the shares had been sold too cheaply. Unlike, for example, Britoil.

The Energy Minister of the day, now our Chancellor of the Exchequer, did everything by the book. He opted for the tender method of sale in order that the investing public could within limits itself determine the true market price of Britoil shares. To prevent rigging of the tender, he also fixed the minimum tender price dangerously close to "the likely striking price".

It all went horribly wrong. The Britoil issue failed to catch the imagination of the investing public, and a malevolent, and crucially timed, Opec statement on the bearish prospects for oil prices scuppered the share sale after the price had been fixed.

The plain fact is that seeking the "correct" price for a public offer of shares is an exercise in spurious precision. Investors invest in expectation of a profit. The aim is to hope that the expected profit is neither too large, nor so small that it deters would-be buyers altogether.

There was a moment during the course of the BA flotation when those involved were having sleepless nights. For after the government "health warning" about the unsuitablity of BA shares for first-time buyers, public interest in the issue dried up almost completely. Phones at the BA share information office ceased to ring.

The Transport Secretary, John Moore, may not have been wise to say what he did. He was certainly capable of being widely misunderstood. What is certain is that after the health warning, there was a need for even greater caution in pricing. Had the Government stood firm on its initial thoughts of selling BA shares at 140p, the outcome might well have been totally different. There were two big wild cards which could have upset the issue seriously.

First, the market. There was no way of telling that the stock market would rise spectacularly between price fixing and first dealings. Had it fallen 10 per cent instead of risen by that amount, the 20/20 visionaries would now be saying that the issue was clearly overpriced.

Secondly, the Middle-East. Had the Lebanon hostage crisis escalated into a confrontation with the US, North Atlantic traffic would have fallen and US and Japanese investor support for BA would certainly have been jeopardized.

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Audiotronic	4p	18p	+350%
Paul Michael	13p	58p	+346%
Hobson	10p	43p	+330%
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SIB lays down blueprint for investor protection

The Securities and Investments Board today publishes its detailed proposals for supervision of the British investment industry. The proposals form the basis of the SIB's formal application to Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, for designation as the regulating agency for the British investment industry.

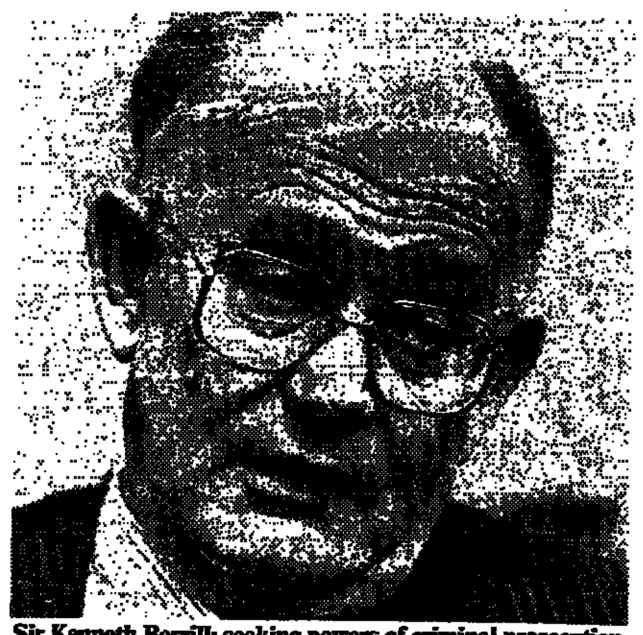
Regulation of Investment Business is a 430-page document setting out how the SIB intends to use regulatory powers created by the Financial Services Act 1986.

The intention of the legislation is that the SIB will authorize self-regulatory organizations (SROs) which will have direct responsibility for overseeing the activities of their members. It is expected that there will be five SROs, including the Stock Exchange and the Financial Intermediaries. Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra), the SRO for life assurance and unit trust intermediaries.

The SROs will produce their own rule books relevant to their sector.

The SIB rule book is divided into 10 chapters, largely written in legal jargon. This is necessary, according to the SIB chairman, Sir Kenneth Berrill, because the rules will have the force of law and will be used for legal purposes.

The rule book begins by explaining the procedure for investment business authorization by the SIB itself. In practice, the SIB hopes firms seeking authorization will do so through the relevant SRO, but the SIB's authorization procedure is important because it will be regarded as a model for what SROs come up with in their own rule books.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Chapter two covers financial regulation such as record-keeping and capital adequacy. Chapters three, four and five deal with such matters as regulations on unsolicited calls for sales of life assurance, personal pensions and unit trusts and rules on a 14-day cooling-off period during which time the investor has the right to withdraw from the investment contract. There are also conduct rules requiring firms to react properly to customer complaints.

The rule book sets out additional avenues for customers if they are not satisfied with a firm's response. An independent investigation can be undertaken and recommendations made to settle disputes and claims.

Chapter six concerns clients' money regulations. The intention is to keep a strict segregation between client money and money belonging to the investment firm itself. Firms will be required to maintain a client account at an approved bank. Uncommitted balances belonging to clients must be fully segregated and given trust status to protect them from the firm's creditors.

The SIB's proposal for compensation provides for investment businesses to contribute to the cost of compensation through a levy so that investors with valid claims will be eligible to receive 100 per cent of losses up to £30,000 and 90 per cent of losses on a further £20,000 up to an effective limit of £48,000.

Claims will only be met from the scheme when no further redress can be secured.

The SIB recognizes that investors have differing degrees of expertise and so many of its proposed rules will not apply to professional or business investors. Sir Kenneth said yesterday he had asked Mr Channon for powers of investigation and entry and powers of criminal prosecution in relation to persons carrying on investment business unless they are properly authorized. This would include nationals of other EEC countries.

The SIB is not asking for powers in relation to serious fraud or insider trading. This will remain the responsibility of the Department of Trade.

Sir Kenneth also pointed out that the massive changes in financial regulation could not come about without considerable short-term problems. But he was sure it was a workable basis on which to inaugurate the new system of practitioner-led statutory regulation.

The Government has made it clear it wants the provisions of the Act to be brought fully into effect by the end of this year. Until then, the timetable depends on a combination of the reaction to the SIB rule book by the Office of Fair Trading and Parliamentary approval.

Regulation of Investment Business, available from SIB, 3 Royal Exchange Buildings, London EC3V 3NL, price £25 (£35 overseas).

Peter Gartland

APPOINTMENTS

Managing director named by Shell

Shell Transport and Trading Company: Mr JS **Jennings** will be elected a director, and also appointed a managing director of The Shell Petroleum Company and a member of the Presidium of the board of directors of Shell Petroleum NV from July 1.

Aluminium Extruders Association: **Mr John Bridgeman** has been elected chairman for 1987-88.

Marketsure: **Mr AP Gavaghan, Mr DAJ Connor** and **Mr G Boden** have been appointed to the board.

Craig & Derricott: **Mr John Derricott** has been made chairman.

Agfa-Gevaert: **Mr Peter Brazier** has been appointed director, retail division, **Mr Tony Burton** director, MAC System, **Mr John Childs** director, Profession/-Photofinishing, **Mr Grahame Mountford** director, Diagnostic Imaging Systems, **Mr Brian Snewin** director, Graphic Systems and **Mr Alexander Van Meeuwen** director, Office Systems.

Reddish Savilles: **Dr K Bruce Morrison** becomes technical director, brewing services division.

The Ben Line Steamers: **Mr Michael Revell** has been made a non-executive director.

Henderson Unit Trust Management: **Mr Ian Scott** is made sales director.

Electra Investment Trust: **Mr R Glyn Morris** has been appointed to the board.

Wimpol: **Mr Alastair MacDonald** becomes managing director.

Arizona Office of Tourism: **Mr Victor Heller** is made acting director.

Hunter International: **Mr Jack McFarland** has been appointed managing director, Waterloo-Ozonair division.

Planer Products: **Mr Peter Silverwood** becomes managing director.

Whitbread & Co: **Mr Malcolm Burr** has been made specialist director, external affairs.

Chicago to lengthen trading day

By Colin Narbrough

The Chicago Board of Trade, the world's largest futures exchange, is to extend its trading day with a night session for US Treasury bond and note futures to lure growing investment interest from the Pacific Basin, especially Japan.

The night session -- to run from 5pm to 9pm, augmenting the current 8am to 2pm session -- is due to be launched in the spring, subject to approval by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. It would also be for options on T-Bond and T-Note futures contracts.

The exchange has also agreed a comprehensive mutual offset system with the London International Futures Exchange, aimed primarily at T-Bond futures, allowing traders to open a contract in London and close it in Chicago. More than 52 million T-Bond futures contracts were traded last year, making it the most popular contract.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Allied Lyons (*354)	300	80	65	75	2	2	6
	330	35	45	55	5	14	17
	360	15	27	37	20	26	32
British Gas (*70)	50	21	23½	—	½	½	—
	60	11¾	15	16½	½	1	1½
	70	4	8	11½	3¾	4½	5½
British Airways (*108)	100	14	16½	21	4	7½	11
	110	8	11	15	9½	13½	16
	120	3	6	10	16	20	24
BP (*766)	700	88	90	—	6	12	—
	750	33	55	75	26	33	42
	800	15	32	50	60	65	75
Cons Gold (*757)	700	82	100	120	13	28	37
	750	47	72	85	34	52	70
	800	27	45	60	62	90	94
Courtaulds (*390)	300	99	106	—	1	1	—
	330	66	78	95	1	6	10
	360	45	55	73	6	10	16
	390	25	35	54	16	22	28
Com Union (*327)	280	49	56	65	3	7	10
	300	32	40	48	8	13	17
	330	14	24	31	28	26	28
Cable & Wire (*372)	325	53	—	—	2	—	—
	350	34	—	—	8	—	—
	360	—	42	55	—	20	25
	390	14	23	38	30	35	43
GEC (*211)	180	36	44	50	1	3	5
	200	19	30	38	4	9	12
	220	7	17	25	14	16	20
Grand Met (*493)	390	105	—	—	1	—	—
	420	75	90	102	1½	8	11
	460	40	50	70	6	13	20
	500	15	37	47	23	32	47
ICI (*1339)	1250	110	140	167	15	32	42
	1300	75	115	140	35	47	63
	1350	50	90	110	67	74	85
	1400	32	70	90	90	104	115
Land Securities (*360)	300	66	71	79	1	2	3
	330	37	45	55	2	7	10
	360	17	25	32	12	16	20
Marks & Spen (*203)	180	28	33	38	1	4	8
	200	13	20	25	7	10	13
	220	6	9	14	20	23	24
Shell Trans (*1095)	1000	108	120	145	7	13	25
	1050	68	95	117	22	28	40
	1100	37	62	87	35	55	67
Trafalgar House (*328)	260	74	82	91	1	2	5
	280	54	62	71	2	7	10
	300	34	43	55	4	12	17
TSB (*78)	70	10	13½	16	1	2½	3
	80	4	7	10	5	6	6½
	90	1	2½	—	13	13½	—
Woolworth (*749)	650	115	130	150	4	7	12
	700	80	95	110	10	20	25
	750	45	58	70	32	45	55

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Beecham (*501)	390	117	125	138	1	2	6
	420	87	972	110	1	5	10
	460	53	68	80	6	13	20
	500	23	40	57	20	28	33
Boots (*274)	240	38	41	47	1	5	6
	260	19	24	32	3	9	12
	280	10	16	22	14	19	21
BTR (*310)	260	54	60	70	1	4	5
	280	36	45	55	3	8	11
	300	17½	28	40	7	16	20
Bass (*838)	750	105	115	145	4	10	12
	800	63	83	103	10	20	30
	850	29	53	73	32	50	58
Blue Circle (*697)	650	62	72	99	8	18	23
	700	28	43	60	25	37	50
	750	10	18	32	60	70	78
De Beers (*970)	800	175	200	230	7	17	30
	850	125	170	190	12	30	45
	900	100	135	160	20	40	60
	950	75	100	135	45	65	85
Dixons (*331)	300	36	48	56	3	5	8
	330	20	32	44	14	18	22
	360	7	20	28	36	38	42
GKN (*326)	260	68	72	78	1	2	3
	280	49	52	59	1½	4	7
	300	30	37	43	5	10	14
	330	12	21	28	15	23	27
Glaxo (*1328)	1250	108	165	205	17	37	54
	1300	74	132	170	30	60	73
	1350	45	102	140	55	83	95

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Glaxo continued	1400	28	75	115	88	113	128
Hanson (*155)	120	36½	—	—	1	—	—
	135	22	26½	31	1	3	4½
	150	9½	16	21	4½	8	10
	165	3½	9	13½	13	15½	17
Jaguar (*581)	500	95	113	128	1	6	7
	550	48	72	67	4	20	20
	600	19	38	53	23	38	43
Thorn EMI (*541)	460	87	102	114	1	2	4
	500	50	68	80	3	7	12
	550	16	35	50	22	30	37
	600	4	17	23	62	67	75
Tesco (*452)	390	70	80	95	2	3	9
	420	43	55	63	4	9	18
	460	12	38	45	17	25	32
THF (*206)	180	29	34	40	1	1½	3½
	200	14	22	27	4	11	14
	220	4½	12	17	17	20	25

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Brit Aero (*654)	500	155	160	175	½	2	3
	550	105	110	125	½	5	12
	600	55	73	90	1	14	23
BAT Inds (*506)	390	120	125	—	1	1	—
	420	90	95	107	1	2	5
	460	50	62	77	1	7½	14
	500	10	33	50	6	23	30
Barclays (*549)	460	90	97	107	1	3	7
	500	50	57	72	1	7	17
	550	7	25	42	8	30	37
Brit Telecom (*236)	200	39	46	49	½	1½	3
	220	19	28	32	½	5	9
	240	3	15	21	5	14	19
Cadbury Schwpps (*243)	200	44	48	56	¼	2½	6
	220	24	32	39	1	7	9
	240	7	17	27	6	15	20
Guinness (*303)	280	25	35	53	1½	10	18
	300	6	28	45	8	23	25
	330	1	16	22	30	35	40
Ladbroke (*435)	360	78	83	90	1	1½	3
	390	48	57	68	1	7	11
	420	18	32	43	2	16	20
LASMO (*186)	160	26	35	41	1	5	7
	180	8	20	28	2½	11	16
	200	1½	13	20	16	23	25
Midland Bank (*630)	550	83	95	105	1	8	12
	600	33	50	65	3	22	27
	650	4	27	40	22	45	50
P & O (*614)	500	115	125	135	1	3	6
	550	65	77	88	2	5	12
	600	18	37	52	5	25	30
Racal (*227)	180	48	56	64	½	3	5
	200	28	37	46	1	6	9
	220	9	25	32	4	11	16
RTZ (*745)	650	97	120	137	2	7	10
	700	47	82	100	2	20	25
	750	10	59	72	12	45	60
	800	3	28	40	60	75	82
Vaal Reef (*89)	80	10	16	20	1	4	5
	90	1½	9½	13½	3½	8	9½
	100	1	4	7½	12	14½	15½

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Lonrho (*269)	200	69	69	—	1½	1½	—
	220	49	50	53	2	3½	6
	240	29	31	36	3	7	10
	260	11	17	22	9	15	19
	280	4	9	12	19	23	27

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£105)	102	2¾	3 3/16	3⅝	1/16	7/16	13/16
	104	15/16	1⅝	2 7/16	⅜	⅞	1¾
	106	⅜	15/16	1 7/16	1 9/16	2½	2¾
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£114)	110	3¾	5	5⅝	1/16	1 1/16	31/32
	112	2⅜	4 1/16	4⅝	⅜	1 3/16	1 3/16
	114	15/16	2¾	3 9/16	1⅜	2⅜	3⅛
	116	⅜	1 7/16	2¾	2⅜	3⅜	3 15/16
	118	1/16	1¼	—	4½	5 3/16	—
	120	1/16	13/16	—	6½	6¾	—

		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
FT-SE Index (*1881)	1650	235	245	250	—	1	1	2	—
	1675	210	220	227	—	1	2	2	—
	1700	185	200	205	—	1	3	5	—
	1750	135	155	183	—	3	7	15	—
	1800	90	113	120	140	5	20	30	33
	1850	48	75	85	107	12	38	50	57
	1900	25	43	67	75	35	57	73	80
	1950	10	23	38	55	77	95	107	112

February 12, 1987. Total contracts 57929. Calls 38704. Puts 19225.
FT-SE Index. Calls:1904. Puts:1633

*Underlying security price.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 10
Week fixed: 10%

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 10%	2 mnth 10 21/32
3 mnth 10 11/16	3 mnth 10%

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 15/16-10 29/32 2 mnth 10 29/32-10 11/16
3 mnth 10%-10 9/16 6 mnth 10%-10%

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 7/16 2 mnth 11 1/32
3 mnth 11% 6 mnth 10%

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11 close 10
1 week 11 1/16-11 6 mnth 10 13/16-10%
1 mnth 11 1/16-11 9 mnth 10 13/16-10%
3 mnth 11-10 15/16 12 mth 10 13/16-10%

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10% 7 days 10%
1 mnth 10% 3 mnth 10%
6 mnth 10% 12 mth 10%

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11 3/16-10 15/16 2 mnth 11%-10%
3 mnth 11 1/16-10 13/16 6 mnth 10 15/16-10 11/16
9 mnth 10 13/16-10 9/16 12 mth 10%-10%

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11 1/32-10 31/32 3 mnth 10 29/32-10 13/16
6 mnth 10 11/16-10% 12 mth 10%-10%

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.20-6.15 3 mnth 6.25-6.20
6 mnth 6.25-6.20 12 mth 6.25-6.20

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 6%-6% call 6%-5%
3 mnth 6%-6% 1 mnth 6 7/16-6 5/16
6 mnth 6½-6%

Deutschmark
7 days 4¼-4 call 4¼-3¼
3 mnth 4 3/16-4 1/16 1 mnth 4 3/16-4 1/16
6 mnth 4 3/16-4 1/16

French Franc
7 days 8%-8% call 8%-7½
3 mnth 8 11/16-8 9/16 1 mnth 8 9/16-8 7/16
6 mnth 8%-8%

Swiss Franc
7 days 1½-1¼ call 2¼-1¼
3 mnth 3%-3% 1 mnth 3%-3¼
6 mnth 3 11/16-3 9/16

Yen
7 days 4½-4% call 5-4
3 mnth 4%-4¼ 1 mnth 4 7/16-4 5/16
6 mnth 4¼-4%

BULLION

Gold:$401.00-401.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 402.00-405.00 (£264.25-266.25)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 96.50-97.50 (£63.50-64.25)
Platinum
$ 516.75 (£339.30)
Silver
$ 5.5100-5.5300 (£3.6200-3.6350)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 87	89.20	89.24	89.16	89.21	4000
Jun 87	89.65	89.65	89.59	89.63	1533
Sep 87	89.82	89.82	89.78	89.82	787
Dec 87	89.84	89.87	89.83	89.88	209
Mar 88	89.77	89.82	89.77	89.82	30
Jun 88	89.75	89.75	89.75	89.75	15

Previous day's total open interest 17801

Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 87	93.50	93.54	93.46	93.50	4168
Jun 87	93.48	93.53	93.46	93.50	4807
Sep 87	93.50	93.52	93.47	93.49	1382
Dec 87	93.41	93.43	93.39	93.42	424

Previous day's total open interest 32025

US Treasury Bond					
Mar 87	98-13	98-27	98-13	98-23	4823
Jun 87	97-19	97-19	97-17	97-23	22
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	0

Previous day's total open interest 4310

Short Gilt					
Mar 87	NT	—	—	99-17	0
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	0

Previous day's total open interest 66

Long Gilt					
Mar 87	115-20	115-30	115-16	115-26	15379
Jun 87	115-31	116-01	115-27	116-01	19
Sep 87	116-05	116-05	116-05	116-12	75
Dec 87	NT	—	—	116.00	0

Previous day's total open interest 19702

FT-SE 100					
Mar 87	191.60	191.75	188.30	190.00	945
Jun 87	192.80	192.80	192.80	193.50	10

Previous day's total open interest 3900

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 12	Market rates close February 12	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5190-1.5240	1.5190-1.5200	0.54-0.51prem	1.63-1.38prem
Montreal	2.0409-2.0496	2.0409-2.0437	0.63-0.53prem	1.76-1.60prem
Ams'dam	3.1112-3.1221	3.1177-3.1221	1½-1¼prem	4¾-4½prem
Brussels	57.03-57.31	57.14-57.26	15-11prem	44-36prem
C'phgen	10.4096-10.4535	10.4219-10.4439	1¼prem-½dis	1¾-par
Dublin	1.0352-1.0417	1.0400-1.0410	22-27dis	71-83dis
Frankfurt	2.7564-2.7694	2.7653-2.7694	1⅝-1½prem	4¾-4⅝prem
Lisbon	214.03-215.56	214.03-214.93	75-155dis	258-384dis
Madrid	194.95-195.78	195.47-195.70	16-47dis	60-98dis
Milan	1960.91-1969.92	1964.07-1969.92	3prem-1dis	4-par
Oslo	10.6137-10.6557	10.6178-10.6400	2½-3⅞dis	10½-11¾dis
Paris	9.1808-9.2218	9.2051-9.2218	2-1¾prem	5¾-4¾prem
St'khlm	9.8646-9.8940	9.8674-9.8846	¾-1⅛dis	⅛prem-1⅛dis
Tokyo	233.32-234.32	233.93-234.31	1⅝-1½prem	3⅞-3⅝prem
Vienna	19.38-19.43	19.38-19.41	9⅞-8⅞prem	28⅜-25½prem
Zurich	2.3324-2.3469	2.3423-2.3469	1½-1¼prem	4¼-4prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 68.7 (day's range 68.5-68.7).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.0630-2.0706
Australia dollar	2.2815-2.2840
Bahrain dinar	0.5705-0.5745
Brazil cruzado *	26.7287-26.8805
Cyprus pound	0.7340-0.7440
Finland marka	6.9150-6.9550
Greece drachma	n/a
Hong Kong dollar	11.8590-11.8690
India rupee	19.60-19.80
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4195-0.4235
Malaysia dollar	3.8696-3.8746
Mexico peso	1515-1565
New Zealand dollar	2.7875-2.7997
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6750-5.7150
Singapore dollar	3.2578-3.2616
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3250-6.4639
S Africa rand (com)	3.1458-3.1608
U A E dirham	5.5595-5.5995

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4695-1.4725
Singapore	2.1405-2.1415
Malaysia	2.5425-2.5440
Australia	0.6666-0.6671
Canada	1.3430-1.3440
Sweden	6.4850-6.4900
Norway	6.9750-6.9800
Denmark	6.8500-6.8550
West Germany	1.8132-1.8142
Switzerland	1.5335-1.5345
Netherlands	2.0460-2.0475
France	6.0350-6.0400
Japan	153.65-153.75
Italy	1292.0-1293.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.50-37.55
Hong Kong	7.7895-7.7900
Portugal	140.80-141.30
Spain	128.60-128.70
Austria	12.77-12.80

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ashtead (122p)	154 +1
Br.Airways (65p) PP	109
British Gas (50p) (aa)	69½ -½
Cap & Regional (65p)	67 +1
Cookson Gp N/P	58 -12
Daniels S (130p)	176
Fletcher King (175p)	191
Gaynor (94p)	119
Geest (125p)	211 -5
Glentree (15p)	50
Gordon Russell (190p)	225
Guthrie Corp (150p)	178 +1
Halls Homes (95p)	136 +4
Harmony Leisure (23p)	29
Hornby (100p)	91 -2
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	173 -2
Johnson Fry (150p)	186 +1
Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p)	25½
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	160 +1
Logitek (65p)	84
Lon & Metro (145p)	201
MIL (144p)	160 +1
Mezzanine (150p)	77
Mayborn (102p)	113
Nobo (152p)	153
Northumbrian Food (60p)	84 -1
Plum Hldgs (90p)	116 +1
Spandex (170p)	247
Sumit (135p)	136 -2
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	111 -1
TSB Group (100p)	78½
Virgin (140p)	140½ -1½
Ward Group (97p)	122
Wilding Office (135p)	160

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglia TV N/P	70 +2
Belhaven F/P	72
Freshbake F/P	140
Parkdale F/P	83 +1
Walker (Alfred) N/P	

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Jan 19	Jan 30	Apr 23	May 5
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 28	May 28	Jan 8

Call options were taken out on: 12/2/87 Hillsdown, London Secs., American Business Systems, JFB, Amstrad, Burton, Prop Trust, Glenfield Lawrence, Hongkong Land, Hongkong Bank, Broad St., Scottish & Newcastle, Christie Hunt, AG Stanley, British Airways, Dares Estate, British Land, Alexander Holdings, Dewey Warren, Aquarius, Savile Gordon, Abaco, Foseco Minsep, International Signal, American Electronic Components, Argyle, Federated Housing, Rotaprint, Aran Energy.
Puts: Amstrad, British Airways.
Puts & Calls: Hongkong Bank, British Airways.

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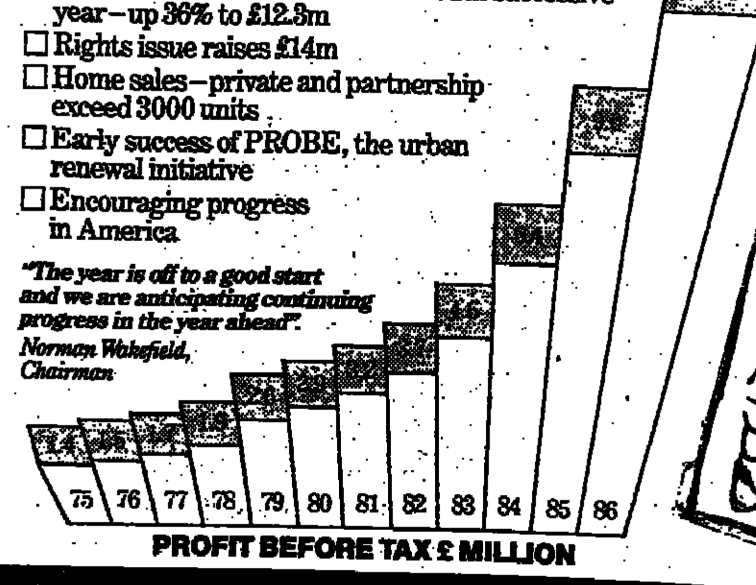
SUMMARY OF THE YEAR

	1986 £000	1985 £000
Turnover	266,993	238,540
Profit before Tax	12,255	9,036
Shareholders' funds	66,696	47,270
Dividends per Ordinary share	8.0p	6.8p
Earnings per Ordinary share	29.8p	27.4p
Net asset value per Ordinary share (1985 adjusted for rights issue)	239.1p	205.9p

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

☐ Profit before tax increases for twelfth successive year—up 36% to £12.3m
☐ Rights issue raises £14m
☐ Home sales—private and partnership exceed 3000 units
☐ Early success of PROBE, the urban renewal initiative
☐ Encouraging progress in America

"The year is off to a good start and we are anticipating continuing progress in the year ahead".
Norman Wakefield, Chairman



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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Share prices nervous

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 9. Dealings end February 20. §Contango day February 23. Settlement day March 2.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are page 24

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Kwik Save	Foods	
2	Hammerson	Property	
3	Peachey	Property	
4	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
5	Cosalt	Industrials A-D	
6	Morland	Breweries	
7	Wolseley	Industrials S-Z	
8	Bowthorpe	Electricals	
9	Wace	Paper,Print,Adv	
10	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
11	Hardanger	Property	
12	Prop Hldgs	Property	
13	Moss Bros	Drapery,Stores	
14	Ford Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
15	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	Foods	
16	Robertson Res	Industrials L-R	
17	Ault & Wiborg	Paper,Print,Adv	
18	Highgate & Job	Industrials E-K	
19	Relyon	Industrials L-R	
20	Watts Blake	Building,Roads	
21	Portsmouth Sund	Newspapers	
22	Centrovincial	Property	
23	ERF	Motors,Aircraft	
24	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
25	Stand Chart (aa)	Banks,Discount	
26	Home Counties	Newspapers	
27	Pittard	Shoes,Leather	
28	Olives Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
29	Flexello C&W	Industrials E-K	
30	Redland (aa)	Building,Roads	
31	Memec	Electricals	
32	Countryside	Building,Roads	
33	Prestwich Hldgs	Industrials L-R	
34	Mowlem (John)	Building,Roads	
35	WCRS	Paper,Print,Adv	
36	Imry	Property	
37	Hestair	Industrials E-K	
38	Merlin Intl	Property	
39	Lee Cooper	Drapery,Stores	
40	Jarvis (J) & Sons	Building,Roads	
41	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
42	Br Vita	Industrials A-D	
43	Jones (Ernest)	Drapery,Stores	
44	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
	© Times Newspapers Ltd.	Daily Total	

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Weekly Dividend

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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DAILY DIVIDEND
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1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
321	209	Nat Aust Bk	240	244	+1			
637	436½	Nat West (aa)	616	622	+3	27.8	4.5	6.5
127	78	Ottoman	127	-	+1	600	4.7	10.0
394	258	Provident	320	322	-2	18.8b	5.8	11.3
232	220	REA Gp	220	225		2.9	1.3	16.7
156	102	Rothschild (J) Hld	164½	155½	-½	7.6	4.9	16.2
388	260	Royl Bnk Of Scot	304	306	-1	15.4	5.0	7.7
825	581	Schroders	780	780	-5	15.4	2.0	14.8
894	439	Stand Chart (aa)	753	757	+6	48.4	6.1	9.3
102	72	TSB (aa)	78	79	●	8.1	7.8	5.6
818	635	Union	730	740	●+2	57.1	7.8	74.0
38¼	21	Wells Fargo	35¼		+¾	..	..	
340	225	Wintrust	325	335	●	8.0	2.4	16.3

BREWERIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
361	291	Allied-Lyons (aa)	353	355	●-1	14.5	4.1	18.2
848	265	Bass (aa)	835	840	-7	24.3	2.9	14.9
74½	22	Belhaven	71	73	r	1.0	1.4	36.5
145	87	Boddingtons	133	135		4.8	3.6	16.9
608	375	Brown (Matthew)	538	545	●-3	20.0b	3.7	18.9
171	57	Buckleys	145	148	+2	4.3	2.9	34.0
180	142	Bulmer (H P)	150	155	● ..	7.7	5.0	15.7
750	410	Burtonwood Brew	695	682	●+2	15.4	2.2	22.9
515	465	Clark (Matthew)	480	485		12.1	2.5	18.6
234	138	Devenish (J A)	220	225	●+4	3.9	1.7	30.8
216	168	Greenall Whitley	203	205	-2	7.9	3.9	12.3
332	165	Greene King	303	307	-2	8.4	2.8	17.4
355	262	Guinness (aa)	301	303	●-4	11.6	3.8	11.5
648	473	Hardys & Hansons	640	648	●-1	26.7	4.1	14.2
91	65	Highland Dist	73	75	-1	3.1	4.2	14.3
147	138	Invergordon Dist	138	139	●-½	6.8	4.9	8.8
698	160	Irish Dist	195	200	●+3	6.0	3.0	..
119	77	Marston Thompson	118	119	-½	3.3	2.8	16.9
430	353	Morland	398	408	●+5	10.0	2.5	19.6
288	131	SA Brewries	250	260	-12			
234	178	Scot & New (aa)	267	269	●-4	10.3	5.8	12.8
583	350	Vaux	585	570	+1	17.9	3.2	19.5
316	227	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	303	305	-4	11.5	3.8	14.0
320	248	Do 'B'	313	317		11.5	3.7	14.5
279	210	Whitbread Inv	275	280		11.0	4.0	35.7
432	282	Wolvrhmptn & D	283	285	s -2	7.0	2.5	16.8
330	195	Young 'A'	298	308	-2	11.4	3.8	20.9

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1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
514½	444	BAT (aa)	504	507	-4	18.4	3.6	13.2
168	123	Carroll	137	142				
215	135	Rothmans 'B'	214	216	+3	10.0	4.7	7.8

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

UNDATED

INDEX-LINKED

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	109.0	115.3	-0.1	10.41
High Inc Equity	109.3	116.2	+0.6	4.47
Worldwide Bond	202.7	215.6●		4.50
American Growth	165.3	175.8	-1.3	0.80
Asian Pacific	65.8	69.9	+0.5	1.62
Assets & Earns	127.0	135.0	+0.5	2.12
Capital Reserve	67.5	67.9		1.49
Comm & Energy	113.1	120.3	+1.2	0.85
European Capital	95.3	101.3	-0.6	1.25
General	155.4	165.3●	+0.4	2.57
Japan	77.9	82.8	-0.1	..
UK Growth Inc	122.0	128.7	+1.2	1.21
Do Accum	176.3	187.5	+1.8	0.84
US Emerging Co's	56.7	60.3	-0.4	0.08
Equities Progress	243.6	259.1	+0.7	2.78
Masterfol Acc	72.0	76.5	+0.1	2.14
American Inc	50.7	53.9●	-0.1	4.87

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 610366 & 0793 28291

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Special Sits	258.6	275.2c	+1.0	2.91
Growth & Income	151.8	160.7	+0.3	2.82
Capital Trust	254.9	270.2	+0.6	2.58
Balanced	408.0	432.5	+0.9	3.18
Accum Trust	626.6	664.2	+1.4	2.86
American Income	33.5	35.7●	-0.3	4.17
High Income Tst	285.6	302.7	+0.5	4.40
Equity Income	158.5	168.0	+0.3	4.55
High Yield	164.2	174.0	+0.5	4.86
Govt Secs Trust	28.8	29.9	-0.1	8.13
International	98.3	104.7●	-0.4	0.77
Japan Fund	125.8	134.0	-0.2	0.01
Pacific Trust	207.5	221.0●	+0.9	0.81
Amer Spcl Sits	72.7	77.4	-0.7	1.43
Secs Of Amer Tst	217.1	231.2	-2.9	0.53
Ald Asset Value	263.1	278.9	+0.5	3.05
Conv & Gilt Trust	36.9	39.0	+0.2	6.28
Smaller Co's	145.9	154.7●	+0.8	2.79
2nd Smaller Co's	186.4	197.6	+0.8	2.03
Recovery Trust	94.8	100.5	+0.3	1.86

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES
See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd

BAILLIE GIFFORD
3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY
031-225 2581 (Dealers 031-226 6066)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Ex (22)	474.2	494.3		0.54
Japan Ex (43)	452.1	471.4●		0.20
UK Ex (31)	268.0	285.1		1.28
P'sal Pens Intl	570.8	600.6		
P'sal Pens UK	223.1	234.9		
BG America	175.8	187.1	-0.7	0.00
BG Energy	178.3	189.7	-2.3	1.77
BG Income Grwth	234.0	249.0	+3.6	4.61
BG Japan	200.0	212.6	-0.2	0.00
BG Technology	179.8	191.3	-5.1	0.00

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 8801

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	51.9	55.2●	-0.7	1.69
Australian	23.6	25.0	+0.2	1.64
Japan & General	119.5	127.2	-0.7	0.06
High Income	50.0	53.2		5.66
International Trust	91.5	97.4	-0.2	0.83
Income Gth Tst	56.0	59.6●	+0.1	3.36
Gilts & Fixed Int	20.4	21.8	..	10.55
Global Markets	37.6	40.0	-0.2	1.37
Special Situations	52.5	55.9	+0.2	1.70

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
America	93.6	99.0	-1.4	1.30
Aust Accum	198.1	209.6	+1.5	0.67
Do Income	139.7	147.8	+1.1	0.67
Capital	80.0	84.6●	+0.1	2.65
Exempt Trust	498.3	527.2	+0.8	3.71
Extra Income	85.3	90.2	+0.3	4.92
Financial	255.3	271.2		2.70
500	304.4	322.1●	+0.6	2.78
General	158.7	167.9	+0.4	2.84
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.1	55.8c	+0.1	9.84
Japan & Gen Inc	177.2	187.5	+0.2	0.00
Do Acc	179.3	189.7	+0.3	0.00
Growth Accum	197.8	209.3	-0.6	2.08
Income Trust	383.7	406.0●	+1.0	3.59
Leisure Trust	89.0	94.1●	+0.4	1.79
Special Situations	165.0	174.6	+0.3	2.03
Recovery	230.6	244.0	+1.2	2.36
Trustee Fund	119.4	128.3●	+0.2	2.64
Univ Tech Accum	60.3	63.8	-0.4	0.00

CS FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1148

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CS Japan Fund	89.3	95.0	-0.5	0.53

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	326.8	347.9	-1.6	2.74
Income	378.7	400.7	-1.7	4.28
Far East	246.8	261.2	-2.0	0.24
North American	162.6	178.0	-1.4	0.63
Global	54.9	58.1	-0.7	0.78
European	55.9	58.2	-0.3	1.26
Japan	60.1	64.0	-0.9	0.50

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	399.2	424.7	-0.4	1.65
Income	325.5	346.3	+1.0	4.51
North American	316.9	337.2	-3.5	1.10

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv Fund	449.2			4.16
Fixed Int	138.75			10.31
Deposit	100.0			10.85

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
S & C Special Sits	58.2	61.8		0.60

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	417.71			4.67
Accum	£12.2518		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.85

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Growth	27.4	29.0		1.30
Equity High Income	49.8	52.7		3.30
European Growth	31.3	33.2	..	2.00
General Equity	44.5	47.2	..	2.30
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	29.5	31.1	..	3.30
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.2	25.5	..	9.50
Intl Inc Tst	25.7	27.2	..	5.00
Japan Growth	35.0	37.1	..	0.90
Pedigree Gth	27.6	29.3	..	2.60

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	51.7	55.3	+0.2	3.16
Do Accum	51.7	55.3	+0.2	3.16
Income Inc	51.4	55.0	+0.1	4.54
Do Accum	51.4	55.0	+0.1	4.54
Worldwide Inc	49.9	53.4		1.88
Do Accum	49.9	53.4		1.88

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Energy Trust	52.1	55.1●	-0.2	3.81
Extra Income	190.0	201.1●	+1.7	4.67
Financial	194.0	205.3●	+1.1	1.97
Gilt Strategy	56.0	59.8	+0.1	2.03
Growth Investment	327.7	346.8●	+1.1	2.16
Income & Growth	47.4	50.1●	+0.2	3.94
Japanese Growth	216.3	228.9	-0.1	0.54
Nth Amer Growth	110.9	117.8	-0.7	1.05
Intl Recovery	125.6	132.9●	-0.3	1.80
Smaller Co's	252.4	267.1c	+0.8	2.09
Global Inc Tst	63.0	66.7	..	5.17
Special Sits Acc	323.7	342.8	+0.7	1.22

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income Trust	284.1	302.2	+1.4	4.32
Growth Trust	258.1	274.6●	+0.6	2.82
American Trust	138.9	148.8●	-2.3	0.67

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Income	55.0	58.8●	-0.1	4.72

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balanced Gth Inc	53.1	56.4	+0.1	1.40
Do Accum	53.2	56.0	-0.2	..
Income Gth Inc	46.2	49.1	-0.1	5.30
Do Accum	49.4	52.6	-0.2	..
Service Co's Inc	58.4	62.1		1.00
Do Accum	59.3	63.1		
Higher Inc	25.3	26.9	-0.1	7.00
Do acc	25.3	26.9	-0.1	

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
0732 361144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	114.2	121.5	-1.4	0.59
Amer Equity Income	35.8	38.1●	-0.3	4.00
Amer Special Sits	56.8	60.5	-0.4	0.08
Australia	36.2	38.4	-0.6	3.04
European	49.9	52.8	..	0.00
Far East Inc	38.1	40.4	-0.4	3.82
Gilt & Fixed Int		28.9	-0.1	10.54
Growth & Income	110.9	118.0	-0.9	4.03
Japan Special Sits	45.7	48.6●	+0.5	..
Japan	152.0	162.2	-1.0	..
Managed Int	150.9	160.6	-1.6	0.20
Max Income Equity	95.5	101.6	..	4.47
Professional Gth	38.1	40.8	-0.1	2.01
South East Asia	46.3	49.3	-0.6	0.01
Special Sits	198.7	211.4	+0.1	0.22

FLEMING (ROBERT)
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN
01-638 5858

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Exempt	£399.1	405.0		1.18
Japan Exempt	£473.1	482.4		0.75
Am Property Tst	$10080.0			5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0			5.60

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer & Gen Inc	224.7	237.7	-0.8	..
Do Accum	229.8	242.5	-0.9	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	221.2	234.0	-1.6	1.20
Do Accum	229.4	242.7	-1.8	1.20
Capital Tst Inc	241.2	255.2	+1.0	1.96
Do Accum	293.9	310.9	+1.2	1.96
Conv & Gilt Inc	96.3	101.9●	+0.1	4.94
Do Accum	131.1	138.7●	+0.2	4.94
Extra Inc Tst Inc	191.0	202.1●	+0.4	3.99
Do Accum	209.7	221.9●	+0.4	3.99
Income Trust	140.9	149.0	+0.1	3.54
Do Accum	150.8	159.5	+0.1	3.54
Intl Growth Fd Inc	176.6	186.8	-0.8	..
Do Accum	196.1	207.5	-0.8	..
Japan & Gen Inc	98.1	103.8c	+0.1	0.07
Do Accum	99.1	104.8c	+0.1	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	98.0	103.6●	+0.2	4.35
Recovery	172.6	182.8●	+1.6	1.29
Do Accum	188.6	199.5●	+1.8	1.29
European Inc	68.5	72.4	+0.3	0.80
Do Accum	68.5	72.4	+0.3	0.80
Financial Inc	53.3	56.4	+0.3	1.00
Do Accum	53.3	56.4	+0.3	1.00

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
FP Equity Dist	227.9	241.9	+0.1	2.42
Do Accum	383.9	407.5	+0.1	2.42
FP Fixed Int Dist	111.0	118.0	-0.3	6.09
Do Accum	131.1	139.4	-0.4	6.09
Stewardship Dist	195.3	207.3	+0.2	1.51
Do Accum	203.3	215.8	+0.2	1.51
FP North American	131.0	132.9●	-3.0	1.12
FP Pacific Basin	178.6	189.4●	+1.4	0.37

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Special Sits	70.6	75.2	-0.7	0.50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	120.3	128.0●	+0.5	2.30
Do Accum	174.1	185.3●	+0.6	2.30
Income Fund	87.9	93.5	+0.4	5.30
Pension Exempt	207.1	215.8●	+0.5	1.50
International	184.0	195.8	-2.0	0.80
US & General	56.4	60.1	-0.7	0.80
Tech & Growth	70.6	75.2	-0.7	0.50
Japan & General	260.8	268.8	+0.5	0.10
Far East & Gen	128.9	137.2	+1.0	0.10
European Fund	273.4	290.9	-1.0	0.30
Germany Fund	67.8	72.1	-1.4	0.90
Intl Inc Fund	52.7	56.1	-0.1	4.40

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth Fund	182.2	193.8	..	0.70
Income Fund	78.2	83.2●		4.18

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT
01-606 9085/6

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	70.6	71.7	..	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	€52.0	52.2	-0.1	
Challenger	50.9	51.2	-0.2	2.00

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD
01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Conv & Equity	54.5	58.0	+0.2	6.79
Income	62.8	66.9	+0.6	4.38
Growth	64.2	68.4	+0.7	1.84

The prices in this section refer to Wednesday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

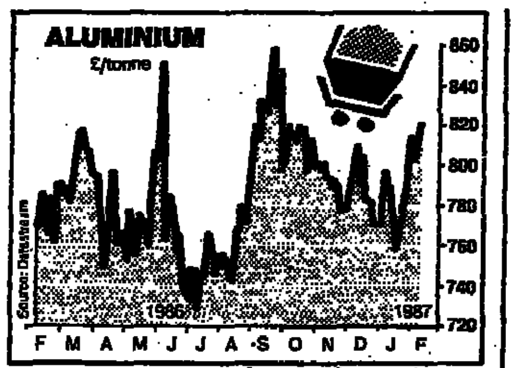
UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
TR Australia	114	116		3.3	2.9	34.3
TR City Of Lon Dfd	70	71	●	3.1	4.4	33.1
TR Ind & Gen	119	120½	-½	2.9b	2.4	51.9
TR Natural Res	148	151	+2	5.8	3.9	32.2
TR North America	107	109		2.6b	2.4	54.8
TR Pacific Basin	213	215		1.4	0.7	
TR Property	78	80		1.9	2.4	52.7
TR Tech	128	130		2.6	2.0	60.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

COMMODITIES



Bullish IPAI stock figures and estimates of a production deficit in 1987 have led to a strong rally in Aluminium prices this week. However, the major factor is a developing squeeze on the LME April dates. Technicals are certainly bullish with prices at the highest level for well over a year. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL
Mar 83.0-86.0
Apr .... 83.5-unq.
Vol: 10

GAS OIL
Mar 143.75-43.50
Apr 144.25-44.00
May 142.75-42.50
Jun 142.00-41.50
Jul 144.00-40.00
Aug 148.00-38.00
Sep 148.00-38.00
Oct 148.00-38.00
Nov 148.00-38.00
Vol: 6305

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report
SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB
Mar 174.2-74.0
May 177.4-76.8
Aug 179.6-79.4
Oct 180.8-80.2
Dec 182.0-81.0
Mar 187.6-86.6
Vol: 3317

COCOA
Mar 1314-13
May 1343-42
Jul 1372-71
Sep 1400-1399
Dec 1424-22
Mar 1450-48
May 1469-68
Vol. 2821

COFFEE
Mar 1560-558
May 1570-568
Jul 1588-587
Sep 1612-610
Nov 1640-637
Jan 1644-640
Mar 1685-680
Vol: 2265

SOYABEAN
Apr 124.5-23.0
Jun 115.3-15.0
Aug 112.3-12.1
Oct 114.0-13.0
Dec 116.2-15.5
Feb 118.5-17.0
Vol: 110

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A
Cash 895.50-896.50
Three Months . 909.00-909.50
Vol 3800
Tone .... Easier

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 865.00-885.50
Three Months . 889.00-891.00
Vol 250
Tone .... Quiet

LEAD
Cash 298.00-299.00
Three Months . 300.00-300.50
Vol 1000
Tone .... Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 481.00-482.00
Three Months . 477.00-478.00
Vol 1700
Tone .... Steady

SILVER LARGE
Cash 382.00-383.00
Three Months . 372.00-373.00
Vol .... Nil
Tone .... Idle

SILVER SMALL
Cash 362.00-363.00
Three Months . 372.00-373.00
Vol .... Nil
Tone .... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 850.00-851.00
Three Months . 852.00-853.00
Vol 4750
Tone .... Steady

NICKEL
Cash 2415-2420
Three Months 2442-2445
Vol 90
Tone .... Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 12

GB: Cattle, 93.21p per kg lw (-0.68)
GB: Sheep 171.83p per kg* (-15.07)
GB: Pigs, 77.08p per kg lw (-1.16)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 5.9 %, ave. price, 93.52p(-0.56)
Sheep nos. down 24.9 %, ave. price, 172.42p(-13.75)
Pig nos. up 4.2 %, ave. price, 77.22p(-1.22)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 22.1 %, ave. price, 92.13p(-0.89)
Sheep nos. down 26.4 %, ave. price, 169.93p(-19.29)
Pig nos. n/a %, ave. price, 74.08p

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	96.00	95.40
Apr	95.30	95.20
Jun	95.30	95.30
Aug	95.00	94.20
		Vol: 5

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	unq.	94.70
Apr	96.50	99.00
Jun	97.00	98.30
Aug	97.50	96.50
		Vol: 14

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	118.10	116.25
May	119.10	118.50
Jul	121.50	unq.
Sep	99.25	98.45
Nov	101.30	100.95
Jan	104.15	103.90

Vol: Wheat 667
Barley 320

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Apr	153.00	151.90
May	177.80	177.30
Nov	87.50	88.00
Feb	97.80	98.00
		Vol: 611

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Apr 87	781.0-779.0	780.0
Jul 87	665.0-665.0	668.0
Oct 87	775.0-772.0	776.0
Jan 88	—	790.0

Vol: 122 lots Open Intst: 2133
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
856.0 up 2.5 on 11/2/87

Motoring by Clifford Webb

Pride returns to the Jaguar owner

Jaguar Sovereign: Even smoother and quieter than its XJ6 predecessor

How times have changed for Jaguar owners. Only a few short years ago meeting another Jaguar owner was like attending a doctor's surgery – a time for swapping notes about recurring ailments and the mounting cost of medication. The parting shot was all too frequently "that's the last Jaguar I'll buy".

The dramatic change in the Coventry company's image which has taken place recently was brought home within hours of a Jaguar Sovereign 3.6 test car being delivered. In my drive, on public car parks and even during brief halts at traffic lights, would-be owners of the new model launched four months ago wanted to congratulate me on my choice and lament the fact that they were being quoted 6 to 9 months delivery despite, in some cases, being prepared to pay over the odds.

One former owner said: "I had four Jaguars in 10 years. When they were running they were better than the Mercedes my son preferred. But I finally gave up the struggle and joined him. Now the reports of this new Jaguar are so overwhelmingly good I am swapping back. I am not worried about the long delivery times. Mercedes are just as bad."

The 18-year-old XJ6 which the new model replaces had outstanding ride-comfort. Even Mercedes costing twice as much could not match it. One of the cornerstones of this was its considerable weight, which is the best of all bump smoothing dampers. When Jaguar revealed the new XJ6 with an alloy engine and lighter body there was immediate concern about the effect.

After some 500 miles of fast motorway, winding cross-country "A" roads and congested city traffic I am delighted to report that Jaguar has done what many thought impossible – made the new car even smoother and quieter. It wafts along with its passengers cocooned in splendid luxury against the noise and bustle of other traffic.

The armchair driving position which was such a feature of the old model has been modified to provide more space and reduce the "sitting in a tunnel" feeling. The new all-electric adjustment of the driver's seat is one of the best I have encountered.

Vital statistics

Model: Jaguar Sovereign 3.6
Price: £24,995
Engine: 3590cc aluminium in line 6
Performance: 0-60mph 8.8 secs, maximum speed 135mph
Official consumption: Urban 18.7mpg, 56mph 36.2mpg, 75mph 30.4mpg
Length: 16.4 feet
Insurance: Group 7

The lightweight engine is produced in two versions, a single overhead camshaft 2.9 litre with 2 valves a cylinder and a 3.6 litre 4 valves a cylinder twin cam. Jaguar XJ6 and Sovereign models are available with either engine. The Daimler is restricted to the 3.6. Both versions are noticeably less thirsty than the old 3.4 and 4.2 engines. I returned 20.6 miles per gallon.

The standard Sovereign comes comprehensively equipped with air conditioning, four-speed automatic, cruise control, Bosch anti-lock breaking, automatic ride levelling, leather seats and door casings, walnut facia, heated door mirrors, headlamp wash and stereo radio/cassette with 6 speakers.

In brief

Celica goes topless

Toyota Celica Cabriolet: Formidable competition for established convertibles

Toyota's potent 2 litre 16 valve twin cam coupé, the Celica GT, goes on sale next month in cabriolet form. At £16,989 it will be formidable competition for established performance convertibles such as the BMW 325i costing £19,220 and the Saab 900 Turbo 16 at £20,500.

Since it arrived here in November 1985 the 130mph front wheel drive Celica hatchback has attracted a lot of attention and praise for its road holding and performance.

The cabriolet features a detachable plastic roof which stows in the boot when not in use. A fabric rear section folds down behind the rear seat. Initial chassis strengthening is done at the factory in Japan but the conversion is completed by the British-owned but Bavarian-based Voll company which has been in the coach work business for more than 60 years.

New arrival

International Motors, the West Bromwich-based group headed by entrepreneur Mr Bob Edmiston has just added a new four-wheel drive marque to its already well-established Subaru range. The Isuzu Trooper, a rugged cross-country vehicle popular with Australian "bush" drivers goes on sale immediately in four versions – 2.2 litre petrol engine; short and long wheel base estates costing £9,999 and £11,999 respectively and 2.2 litre turbo diesels selling for £10,998 (short) and £12,999 (long).

The Trooper will be sold initially by 70 dealers mostly from the established Subaru network but including a number recruited from the previous Isuzu importer who went out of business recently.

● Ford has asked its dealers to contact owners of 100,000 Escorts and Orions manufactured between January and June last year to replace the release cap on the engine cooling system. A faulty relief valve is the problem. It will not of itself cause the engine to overheat but if it should overheat for any other reason the resulting build up of steam could blow a hose or worse.

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Unlikely hero fulfils a dream

Chris Broad will return home to the suddenly famous syndrome. He will find himself the subject of tributes each more fanciful than the last and the focus of attention from the grasping as well as the guileless.

Not being much given to conceit or false pretentions, England's unlikely hero will handle all this without fuss. He will define the genuine article when he sees it and, I suspect, few summaries of his prolific deeds will please him more than that offered by Graham Gooch.

Broad might not have made the tour at all if Gooch had been available but the Essex captain and England No. 1 chose to spend the winter at home – a decision, incidentally, he does not regret despite following the team's success with an avid if detached interest.

On Wednesday morning, Gooch watched on telvision as Broad completed 1,000 international runs on his first tour then admitted: "You have to be surprised at what he has achieved. For two years now he has looked a very good player with a sound technique but the best batsman in the world would be delighted with the sort of tour he has had."

Gooch has never opened with Broad, something which will surely be put right this summer with potentially sumptuous results. More significantly, however, he confesses that he hardly knows the man at all. In this, he is far from alone.

Although Broad had been playing county cricket since 1979 he has remained, until recent days, a somewhat faceless character. Not that he is reclusive, nor even anti-social. He will often be found in the pavilion bar at the end of a day's play but he will be blazered and tied in a serious cricket conversation, not letting his hair down amid the larks of the larrikins.

He has always been one for the half-smile and the well-checked emotions. Born in Bristol and educated at Cheltenham's St Paul's College, he might easily have played rugby to high level. As it is, he represented English colleges before, relatively late in life, at the age of 22, and with menial stints as a floor-layer and a lorry-loader behind him, he broke into the Gloucestershire county side and quickly began to develop high ideals.

Very high ideals, if the truth be told. David Graveney, a team colleague throughout his five years with Gloucester and now the county captain, reveals: "He always wanted to play for England, not just in the normal ambitious sense but with a passion. It was that which led to him leaving us."

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Chris Broad: always had 'a passion' to play for England

Broad believed he was being overlooked by England because the selectors seldom cast their net so far west. So he joined Nottinghamshire and, within six weeks, he was an England player. As Graveney recalls: "Our disappointment was not directed at him so much as at the selectors who had compounded the situation by proving him right."

It is undoubtedly true that Broad did not get along with every Gloucestershire player and there were those not entirely sorry to see him move on. Graveney explains: "There was a lot of talk when he left and certainly he can upset people. Selfishness, single-mindedness, call it what you like – it's an important quality in his game but sometimes both spectators and team-mates can get the wrong impression.

The lean and thoughtful Broad will doubtless tell you of his surprise at all his blessings, from being chosen in the tour squad to being nominated International Cricketer of the Year. Take it with a pinch of salt. Broad's problem has never been a shortage of self-belief.

Just before the tour team was announced Tim Robinson, Broad's opening partner at Trent Bridge and at face value a more logical selection, gave a revealing insight. "I think I'm a pretty dedicated player but I could never be like Chris. If I am not chosen it isn't the end of the world – there are other things in life. But for two years since he was last picked Chris has wanted nothing more than to play for England."

Broad was granted what he felt were his just desserts and he has not given the selectors another chance to even begin to doubt their judgement.

Alan Lee

Grand slam triumph lifts gloom as a new dawn arrives for England

John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, assesses the factors behind England's successful tour of Australia

From most angles the England tour that ended here with victory in the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup on Wednesday night was gratifyingly successful. Some excellent results were achieved, mainly with the sort of cricket that benefits the game, and the darkness of the first nine months of last year gave way to light. Our Prime Minister has been suitably impressed. "We are all very proud of you," said Mrs Thatcher in a message to the team.

It is as well to remember, though not to labour, the low state of Australian cricket. There is not much doubt that in England this coming summer Pakistan will provide stiffer opposition. For all that, Australia, like England, are a better side now than when the first Test match started in Brisbane three months ago tomorrow.

The cricket has been hard but not ruthless. That has been the difference between the tour here and last winter's to West Indies. For the players it has been the difference between having their convictions badly shaken and being reassured that the game at this level is worthwhile. It has been fun. It has been, in fact, what both sides needed, even if Australia have nothing tangible to show for it, and whether or not, for England, it is a new dawn.

Wednesday's success gave what Mrs Thatcher, in her signal to the team, described as "an unprecedented clean sweep" – victory, that is, in all the three competitions they came to play in. Without justifying England's somewhat cavalier approach to the World Series Cup, their cricket on Wednesday showed that they had been at the drawing board. Unlike the West Indians, who failed while they were here to produce anything like their best form, England certainly pulled together.

"It's been a together trip," said Gatting, "A 16-man effort, not just 12 or 13." Those who had no regular Test place remained as integral members of the party. Two of them, Foster and French, were rewarded for their long periods of idleness by being in at the kill this week. Slack and Whitaker, who were not, will still deserve their share of the loot, which should bring the established players up to something in the region of £17,000 each.

England's lions: Gatting (left) 'grew in stature' and DeFreitas 'came on leaps and bounds'

So no one let the side down. Free to concentrate on administration, and the necessary proprieties, Peter Lush, the manager, went about his duties quietly and effectively. The Australians liked him and so did the touring fraternity,

'The job doesn't finish here'

among whom I include the Press. As tours go, this one presented the manager with unusually few problems, but that, to some extent, was Mr Lush's own doing. Having played himself in, he should go again next winter, so long as the Test and County Cricket Board can spare him and he himself is willing.

So should Mickey Stewart, as I am sure he will. He had good reason to be pleased with the way the tour went. No longer now does he need to consider himself as being on trial for the cricket manager's job. "I like to think a platform has been built and that it is an ongoing thing from here," he says. "Although I believe in the traditional qualities of the game, the Olympic code that what matters is taking part doesn't apply in cricket any more. If anyone said it did, I'd have to challenge them. Today you do have to win."

Without always making the concessions to the role of captain that are customary, so far as the broader perspective was concerned, Gatting came out of the tour with a healthy balance of achievement and goodwill. He grew in stature on the field, without being bombastic about it; so far as I know he fell out with no one, and for as long as the Test series lasted he kept his batting form. "What can you say about Mike Gatting and his Pommie mates?" was how one of the television channels began their encomium.

Signing off in Sydney yesterday, Gatting said: "Perhaps now we'll not be thought of as having the wooden spoon anymore... But the job doesn't finish here... There's a lot to be done and we've got a good foundation. I hope I've got a little bit of respect now... I talked it over with David (Gower) last summer and we decided that whoever was captain in Australia would have to get on with the job, one way or the other. David has given his opinion and support and has been tremendous." Gatting is tremendously fond of "tremendous". And on the whole he himself was tremendous.

Before the tour started a question widely asked was whether Gatting would be able to handle a headstrong Botham. In the event Botham has been as good as gold – nearly, anyway. After an uncertain start Gower, too, has been what the Australians call "true dinkum". He is too nice

Dangers behind the pyjama game

a person to have allowed himself to be dogged by the disappointment of losing the England captaincy. He played for Gatting with no more and no less iron beneath the velvet glove than he would have for himself.

Broad had as prolific a first tour as anyone is ever likely to. Athey, too, made a niche for himself, adding 223 and 112 in Test opening partnerships with Broad and fielding superbly in the prowling positions of the one-day game. If there had been a prize for fielding it would have been hotly contested, with Athey, DeFreitas and Lamb finishing in the frame, not necessarily in that order.

Besides Broad, the players to make the most of their opportunities were DeFreitas, who came on by leaps and bounds (almost literally), and, in the Tests, Richards. Not yet 21 (he is that next Wednesday), DeFreitas, when he is fully broken in, could become an authentically fast bowler. No one's improvement was more conspicuous than his between the first morning of the Adelaide Test match, when he was erratic with the new ball, and the closing one-day internationals, when he was one of England's most economical bowlers.

Many a question mark still hangs above the state of Australian cricket, particularly regarding the balance of their programme and the way this is undermining not only the strength of their team but the values of the next generation of would-be Test cricketers. The pyjama stuff has become a drug, peddled by the Australian Cricket Board to keep them in funds. Unless the Board take steps to curb the spread and glorification of it, I truly believe that Test cricket in Australia will be a relic by the turn of the century.

Year after year visiting captains, as well as Australia's own, all of whom have the interests of the Australian game at heart, warn of the dangers of the present distortion. But I am not at all sure that the Board members see the red light. Their Annual Report on the 1985-86 season ran: "The high point of the Australian summer came when Australia over-powered the current world one-day international champions, India, to win the B and H WSC title. It was a victory of major significance for Australia." Yet all it was was a singsong. Can you wonder we are worried?

Except for those among them with contacts to look up, or contracts to negotiate, or fish or liners to catch, the England players fly home on Sunday. Under Emburey's captaincy (Gatting will be taking a rest) a good many of them will be off again at the end of next month to compete, under the auspices of the TCCB, in another one-day tourname nt, this time in Sharjah – there to do battle again with Allan Border and company.

TCCB appeal for less tiring tours

Sydney – The Test and County Cricket Board seem likely to suggest that future England tours of Australia be less demanding. Mike Gatting, the captain, has already made a plea for fewer qualifying games in the World Series Cup. This year they were reduced from 15 to 12 but only because a second one-day competition, the Perth Challenge, had been fitted in.

Peter Lush, the England tour manager, said yesterday: "I will have quite a lot to say about tours and programmes privately to the TCCB and then to the Australian Cricket Board".

England have been away for 18 weeks and face an even tougher schedule next winter. The World Cup in Pakistan and India is followed by a tour of Pakistan. Then, after a short Christmas break, they are off to New Zealand with a stopover in Australia.

"Next year is exceptional", Lush said. "But once that is out of the way, I hope we can have a proper cricket plan. I am talking about when we come back to Australia for the next Ashes series in four years' time. We would certainly like our points registered. Whether they are taken any notice of, only time will tell".

Lush: wants new plan

Asked about the growth of one-day cricket in Australia, Lush said: "When you have a product with tremendous appeal you are not going to throw it away – and nor should you. It is simply a question of tempering it."

MCC announce sale of new executive seating

The MCC have sent acceptance letters to 13 successful applicants who had made bids for executive boxes in the Mound Stand development at Lord's.

Despite an estimated asking price of £200.000, to be spread over five years, demand for the 13 boxes was considerable, according to Col Leslie James, the assistant secretary of the MCC. He also confirmed that the names of the chosen applicants would not be announced until they had been contacted and their cheques received.

Several companies were believed to be among the successful bidders but there has been speculation that Mick Jagger, a noted cricket enthusiast and the lead singer of the Rolling Stones rock band, was among those showing an interest.

Work on the new stand, made possible by a £1.5m donation from Paul Getty, has been continuing all winter and will be completed in time for this season, which also marks the bicentennial of the MCC.

Designed to incorporate the best features of the previous stand, which was built in 1899, it also provides for debenture seating, restaurants, and bars.

The Renaissance man of Worcestershire

Duncan Fearnley, the man who brought Botham and Dilley to Worcestershire, talks to

John Dorman

When Ian Botham smashed 71 runs in the first of the World Series Cup finals in Melbourne last Sunday, he used a Duncan Fearnley bat. Nothing unusual in that, you may think, since he is contracted to do so. But that particular bat, like so many used by Botham and other top cricketers around the world, was hand-made by Fearnley.

Despite all the work involved in running the world's largest manufacturer of cricket equipment, and his commitments as chairman of Worcestershire County Cricket club, Fearnley's first love is making cricket bats. Every morning, at his factory in a quiet side street in Worcester he spends four to five hours "at the bench" in a noisy, dusty workshop, surrounded by his 20 employees. He says succinctly: "I'm not a desk man."

Fearnley has also recently been instrumental in bringing Botham and Dilley to Worcestershire. However, he is at pains to point out that he had to have the full approval of his committee before any formal approach was made, while he merely completed the formalities during a recent trip to Australia.

He stresses both players have normal club contracts, and that Botham is receiving the same deal as the one offered to him by Somerset. Their earnings will be topped up by separate and individual contracts from the Carphone Group – based in Frome, Somerset. Botham will endorse the company's products; and Dilley, who has missed a benefit by leaving Kent, has a deal involving insurance.

Although he is being closely associated with Worcester for over 25 years, Fearnley is a Yorkshireman. He comes from Pudsey, the town which sired two of cricket's greats, Len Hutton and Ray Illingworth. He opened the batting for the England Schools XI and played for Yorkshire seconds, but the nearest he came to the first team was 12th man in a Roses match at Old Trafford in 1959, when Fred Trueman was captain.

Batman: Duncan Fearnley applies his personalized touch (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Worcester offered Fearnley a trial in 1960, and he made his first team debut two years later. He represented the county 97 times, including two championship winning seasons in 1964 and 65 before he was released in 1968. His captain was Don Kenyon, now the club president.

Fearnley started making cricket bats when he was still with Yorkshire, and in 1964 he rented his first premises in Worcester. During the winter he made 30 bats by hand each week, and sold them to the players in the summer. It was then that a designer friend drew up the now famous black wicket symbol seen on Fearnley equipment – an aerial view of a set of stumps.

The first person to use the Fearnley bat in a televised game was John Snow in 1969. Basil D'Oliveira took one to Australia on the 1970-71 tour, and scored three hundreds. That was the start of his export business which has grown ever since. Nowadays any cricketer can be kitted out in Fearnley equipment from head to toe, and any team can equip themselves with his products, from stumps to slip cradles.

The company now produces one thousand bats a week, a handful of which are made by Fearnley for the world's top players, men like Botham, Dennis Amiss, Allan Border, Martin Crowe, Graeme Pollock and Worcestershire's Graeme Hick, who Fearnley describes as "the greatest young player I've seen since Barry Richards." His prime concern is the top end of the market because, as he explains: "If I produce tailor-made bats for the best players in the world, it rubs off at all levels of the game."

Fearnley became chairman of Worcestershire in March last year and works closely with Mike Jones, the club's cricket chairman. "I'm a player's man," he says. "I'm concerned about narrowing the gap between the committee and the players. On one day of each home game I make a point of inviting the players for a drink in the committee room at close of play."

Last year, Worcestershire finished fifth in the county championship and reached the semi-finals of both the Benson and Hedges Cup and the NatWest Trophy. Now, with Botham and Dilley, the club can look forward to a very exciting future.

"I'm thrilled about Dilley coming," Fearnley says, "and I always felt Botham would come here. He respects our captain (Phil Neale), and he's looking forward to it. We will have a very strong, balanced side. I'd like to see us in the championship hunt, and if Botham bats in one-day matches like he did in Melbourne, we ought to be able to bat the opposition out of the game."

There has been a huge increase in membership since Botham and Dilley signed, with 775 new members by last Friday, which represents an extra £26,000 in the bank. The team has a new major sponsor, the Midlands Electricity Board, who will contribute towards ground improvement and whose logo will appear on the players's clothing. "As soon as your team is successful everyone wants to become involved," says Fearnley, "we couldn't find any sponsor five years ago."

Whatever successes Worcestershire may achieve in the future, they will be in no small way due to Fearnley – chairman, cricket lover, and bat-maker.

England's record in Australia

OCTOBER 16-20: Bundaberg: England XI 491-4 dec (Broad 97, Slack 70, Athey 73*, Gatting 171, Botham 52) and 129-3 (French 63*) drew with Queensland Country XI 160 (Shulte 78*; DeFreitas 4 for 37).
OCTOBER 22: Lawes: England XI 245-9 (Lamb 111*) beat South East Queensland Country XI 187-6 by 58 runs.
OCTOBER 24-27: Brisbane: England XI 135 (Tazelaar 4 for 34) and 339 (Lamb 65, Botham 86, Foster 74*; McDermott 4 for 93) lost to Queensland 311-7 (Courtice 70, Kerr 95) and 164-5 (Ritchie 52) by 5 wickets.
OCTOBER 29: Wudinna: South Australia Country XI 131-9 (Mitchell 68) lost to England XI 135-1 (Broad 59, Slack 54*) by 9 wickets.
OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 3: Adelaide: South Australia 305-8 dec (Phillips 116, Bishop 67, Sleep 56*) and 269 (Phillips 70, Hookes 104; Emburey 6 for 102) lost to England XI 407 (Lamb 105, Whitaker 108, Botham 70; Parkinson 5 for 87) and 169-5 (Broad 63, Lamb 55) by 5 wickets.
NOVEMBER 5: Kalgoorlie: England XI 293-5 (Athey 124) beat Western Australia Country XI 176-9 by 117 runs.
NOVEMBER 7-10: Perth: Western Australia 275 (Marsh 124, Matthews 55; DeFreitas 4 for 82) and 207-8 dec (Marsh 63, Wood 53) drew with England XI 152 (Reid 4 for 40, Matthews 4 for 30) and 153-6 (Lamb 63).
NOVEMBER 14-19: First Test: Brisbane: England 456 (Athey 76, Gatting 62, Gower 51, Botham 138) and 77-3 beat Australia 248 (Marsh 56, Matthews 56*; Dilley 5 for 68) and 282 (Marsh 110; Emburey 5 for 80) by 7 wickets.
NOVEMBER 21-23: Newcastle: England XI 197 and 82 (Gilbert 4 for 26, Whitney 5 for 39) lost to New South Wales 181 and 99-2 by 8 wickets.
NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 2: Second Test: Perth: England 592-8 dec (Broad 162, Athey 96, Gower 136, Richards 133; Reid 4 for 115) and 199-8 dec (Gatting 70; Waugh 5 for 69) drew with Australia 401 (Waugh 71, Border 125; Dilley 4 for 79) and 197-4 (Jones 69).
DECEMBER 6-9: Melbourne: Victoria 101 (Gatting 4 for 31) and 345 (Hibbert 91, O'Donnell 77; Small 5 for 81) lost to England XI 263 (Athey 58, French 58, Dodemaide 4 for 76) and 184-5 by 5 wickets.
DECEMBER 12-16: Adelaide: Australia 514-5 dec (Boon 103, Jones 93, Border 70, Matthews 73, Waugh 79*) and 201-3 dec (Border 100*) drew with England 455 (Broad 116, Athey 55, Gatting 100; Reid 4 for 64, Sleep 4 for 132) and 39-2.
DECEMBER 18-21: Hobart: Tasmania 79 (DeFreitas 4 for 44, Foster 4 for 20) and 167 lost to England XI 342-9 dec (Slack 89) by an innings and 96 runs.
DECEMBER 23: Canberra: Prime Minister's XI 240-5 (Valetta 75) lost to England XI 241-6 (Gower 68) by 4 wickets.
DECEMBER 26-28: Fourth Test: Melbourne: Australia 141 (Jones 59; Small 5 for 48; Botham 5 for 41) and 194 (Marsh 60) lost to England 349 (Broad 112; McDermott 4 for 83, Reid 4 for 78) by an innings and 14 runs.
JANUARY 1-7: Perth Challenge: England 272-6 (Broad 76, Lamb 66, Botham 68) beat Australia 235 (Jones 104) by 37 runs. England 228-9 (Lamb 71, Richards 50; Garner 5 for 47) beat West Indies 209 (Logie 51; Dilley 4 for 46) by 19 runs. Pakistan 229-5 (Mohammad 66, Miandad 59) lost to England 232-7 (Broad 97) by 3 wickets.
Final: Pakistan 166 (Miandad 77*) lost to England 167-5 by 5 wickets.
JANUARY 10-15: Fifth Test: Sydney: Australia 343 (Jones 184; Small 5 for 75) and 251 (Waugh 73; Emburey 7 for 78) beat England 275 (Gower 72, Emburey 69; Taylor 6 for 78) and 264 (Gatting 96; Sleep 5 for 72) by 55 runs.
JANUARY 17-FEBRUARY 11: World Series Cup: Brisbane: West Indies 154 (Dilley 4 for 23) lost to England 156-4 by 6 wickets. **Brisbane:** Australia 261-4 (Marsh 93, Jones 101) beat England 250-9 (Athey 111) by 11 runs. **Sydney:** Australia 233-8 (Wellham 97) lost to England 234-7 (Gower 50, Lamb 77*) by 3 wickets. **Adelaide:** England 252-6 (Broad 55, Athey 64) beat West Indies 163 (Emburey 4 for 37) by 89 runs. **Adelaide:** Australia 225-6 (Border 91, Waugh 83*; DeFreitas 4 for 35) beat England 192 by 33 runs. **Melbourne:** England 147 lost to West Indies 148-4 (Richards 58) by 6 wickets. **Melbourne:** Australia 248-5 (Jones 93) beat England 139 by 109 runs. **Devonport:** England 177 (Broad 76) beat West Indies 148 by 29 runs.
FIRST FINAL: Melbourne: Australia 171-8 (Jones 57) lost to England 172-4 (Botham 71) by 6 wickets.
SECOND FINAL: Sydney: England 187-9 [illegible] beat Australia 179-8 by 8 runs.

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ATHLETICS

A delay for Hutchings

By David Powell

Tim Hutchings, England's finest cross-country runner of the past decade, must wait to learn whether he will be chosen for the English team to compete in the World championships in Poland next month. Hutchings, a former World championship silver medal winner, had requested pre-selection for the race in Warsaw on March 22.

The first six Englishmen home in the national championship at Luton on Saturday week are guaranteed selection with the three other members of the team to be named at the selectors' discretion. Hutchings, not unreasonably, suggested to the English Cross Country Union that he should be given early notification of his inclusion, but they have written to him rejecting the request.

"It's very frustrating," Hutchings said yesterday. "They must know now whether they are going to select me but they feel it is inappropriate to tell me for whatever reason." It is unthinkable that Hutchings's name will not be among the three added to the six who win their places at the national race. Hutchings, the English champion, has chosen not to defend his title at Luton because, he says, it would hinder his preparations for Warsaw.

Hutchings, aged 28, believes he can figure prominently in the World championships.

JUDO

Pressure on Britain's champions

By Nicolas Soames

As Britain's three world judo champions lead the women's team into the first major international of the year, the French Women's Open in Strasbourg this weekend, they will begin to experience the pressure which, ultimately, will make or break them.

Despite the catalogue of successes achieved by Roy Inman's remarkable women's squad over the past decade, never has so much been expected of so many individuals. And, with the Olympic Games looming, never has winning been more important.

Of course, Karen Briggs, the bantamweight, with three world title wins in a row, knows all about pressure. But even she admits that, before her last triumph, in Maastricht in October, she felt more nervous than ever before.

On the other hand, the two new world champions, Ann Hughes (lightweight) and Diane Bell (light-middleweight), have yet to learn to wear their crowns with confidence.

The trouble is that the stakes are higher than ever before. Normally, the World championships are held every two years, but the 1986 winners will have to put their titles on the line this November in West Germany, because the women's competition calendar is being adjusted to bring it into line with the Olympic movement. Women's judo joins as a demonstration sport in 1988 and as part of the full programme in 1992.

So it is bad enough for the three players to lose the privilege of enjoying world titles for two years. What is worse is that the British girls, despite their 1986 achievements, will have to prove themselves all over again in Essen in order to earn a ticket to Seoul.

It is on the cards that only eight players in each of the seven weight categories will go to Seoul.

YACHTING

Trials of a catamaran

Britain's hopes of winning back the Little America's Cup are riding on a wing and a prayer. John Downey and Keith Bliss are due to launch their unnamed C-Class catamaran on the waters of Melbourne for the first time today, just 24 hours before they are due to meet the defending Australian multi-hull, The Edge, skippered by Simon McKeon, in the first race of this best-of-seven series (Barry Pickthall writes).

It is a miracle, perhaps, that the two former Olympic Games hopefuls have made it this far. A desperate lack of funds and interminable delays stretched their resources and timetable to the limit. Unfortunately, most observers now believe it will take another blessing from above for them to tune their radical, wing-sailed craft sufficiently today to prise back the trophy last won by Britain 18 years ago.

The British craft is the brainchild of the naval architect, Roland Whitehead, aged 23 and Stephen Fiddes, an aeronautical designer based at Farnborough, and is the sole survivor of five original challengers.

However, delays in construction were compounded by the recent firemen's strike at Manchester airport, which forced the already hard-pressed team to spend a further £600 transporting the unfinished craft to catch a cargo plane from Frankfurt.

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RACING: MCKEOWN CAN EXCEL AGAIN ON EPSOM-TRAINED HURDLER

Astral to extend unbeaten run in valuable Newbury contest

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Astral, who has won all his three races under National Hunt rules since his shrewd trainer Ron Smyth switched him from Flat racing to jumping last autumn, is napped to make it four in a row at Newbury today by winning the valuable Stroud Green Hurdle in the hands of Dale McKeown who has emerged as a most promising young rider this winter.

Although attached to Reg Akehurst's Epsom stable, McKeown has been used on a regular basis by Smyth and has in fact ridden Astral in all his races over hurdles. So he knows him well. The first of those was at Kempton, the second at Plumpton and the third at Kempton again before he was given a well-deserved mid-winter break.

When winning his most recent race he finished 15 lengths ahead of Jazetas. In the circumstances it is hard to envisage that horse, who was then runner-up to Past Glories at Market Rasen before finally winning at Windsor nine days ago, beating Astral now on worse terms. Likewise that train of thought would seem to give Astral the beating of Past Glories.

Flying Benny had Hamper well behind when winning at Sandown last month but that has been let down by the subsequent failure of the runner-up, Plaid. Before that Flying Benny and Anything Better had finished fourth and fifth behind Caesar Imperator in a similar race run over today's course and distance at the beginning of January.

That suggests they will both face an uphill struggle against Astral this afternoon, especially Flying Benny who has to give my nap 4lb. Although Astral has not raced for 12 weeks my information from Epsom is that he is fit and raring to go after his rest.

Burnt Oak, the winner of four races at Newbury already returns to his happy hunting ground to contest the Harwell Handicap Chase.

In this instance, though, I doubt his ability to beat **Darc Hansel** who ran with such promise in his first race of the season at Cheltenham before he fell in the Welsh National for which he started a well-backed fourth favourite. That mistake was completely out of character.

The outcome of the Aldermaston Novices' Chase would appear to rest between **April Prince**, who ran so well in his first chase to finish a close second behind Cradle Of Jazz at Windsor nine days ago, and Panto Prince who has still to run over fences. While Panto Prince was the better hurdler, April Prince is preferred in this instance.

There will be many rooting for **Crooning Berry** to win Sedgefield's Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle and thus give Jonjo O'Neill his second taste of success as a trainer. Bad weather has forced Crooning Berry to miss suitable opportunities at Ayr and Carlisle recently so this could easily be a case of third time lucky.

At Ayr, I expect that good young jockey, Guy Landau, to land a double on **Dark Trix** (1.45) and **Comanchero** (2.45).

● At first glance it might seem foolish to oppose the top hunter chaser, Border Burg, in the Charles Higgins Hunter Chase at Newbury today (Brian Beel writes). However, he is being aimed at the Cheltenham Foxhunters and may not yet be at his peak. Nor will the distance of 2½ miles be in his favour. Better value may be the course and distance winner, **Young Lover**, who will have benefited from last week's creditable third at Sandown where he had Further Thought four lengths behind.

No word on Darley ban

The Jockey Club had still not heard yesterday from the Royal Western India Turf Club on the 12-month suspension imposed on British jockey Kevin Darley following an inquiry into a race at Bombay on Sunday.

The northern-based rider has appealed against the ban, which is believed to have been "for making insufficient effort". The appeal will be heard in the next few days but the Indian authorities will not allow Darley to be legally represented.

Suspensions handed out by the Royal Western India Turf Club do not automatically apply in Britain. Under an international agreement, they must contact the Jockey Club if they want the ban enforced over here. Should the Indian authorities wish the ban to be enforced the Jockey Club must comply.

Darley, aged 27, rode 30 winners in Britain in 1986, 20 of them for Mel Brittain, the Yorkshire trainer. Brittain said yesterday: "Kevin phoned me briefly to inform me of the ban but I have no details. As far as I'm concerned, he is contracted to be my stable jockey this year and that arrangement still stands."

Kevin Mooney and the Queen Mother's grand old servant, Special Cargo, who makes his seasonal reappearance in the Harwell Handicap Chase at Newbury today (3.0)

POINT-TO-POINT

Naylor-Leyland's title drive aided by new horse-power

By Brian Beel

David Naylor-Leyland, now clear favourite for the men's point-to-point title after his treble at Tweseldown on Saturday, inherited his skill from his father, Michael, an international three-day event rider.

Encouraged to ride from an early age, David competed in Pony Club competitions from the family home near Cirencester and had his first point-to-point ride when he was 16.

He rode his first winner, Hidden Glance, in his second season but he was later deprived of this victory as the horse was not qualified to run, having already won a novice chase.

His riding career then went through a lean period of 10 years. He joined the army straight from Eton and spent three years in the Household Cavalry, missing two point-to-point seasons when the regiment was in Northern Ireland.

Two years after leaving the army he formed his own company, Flaxman Properties Ltd, having spent the intervening period learning the business with a firm of estate agents. It was not until three years later that they was able to afford his own horse, Highway Dual.

The years 1978-81 proved his nadir as he had 17 falls in 22 races under Rules when partnering horses such as Verona Lea, Sparcon and Bally Hopeful.

Naylor-Leyland gained four wins in two seasons on Highway Dual before acquiring Beamwam, the horse that last year put his name on the National Hunt map.

"Beamwam was," he says, "the first horse that I had ridden that could really quicken at the finish and this spurred me on to look for others of similar class."

Either for himself or in partnership with friends he bought four horses last summer, one of these being Peter Greenall's successful Highland Blaze. This brought the number available to him to eight. "Having a string of this size only gives me more opportunity than anyone else of falling off," he says.

The horses are split mainly between the livery yards of Henrietta Knight and John Porter, both of whom contributed to Naylor-Leyland's success last Saturday.

Beamwam, however, has remained with Oliver Sherwood and is due to re-appear at Nottingham on Monday. If all goes well he will run in next month's Cheltenham Foxhunters.

Highland Blaze will probably be kept for point-to-points this season though he will be entered for the Cheltenham race. Reynards Bow, on the other hand, will have one definite foray over the stiffer jumps in the Aintree Foxhunters. Otherwise he too will run solely between the flags.

It will be some weeks before the title race really warms up but these early races will play a significant part in determining who will wear this year's crown. Naylor-Leyland has both the ambition and the ammunition to make it him.

Naylor-Leyland: favourite for the men's title

Cagnes raid

English trainers saddle seven horses at Cagnes today. Last Stand, already a course winner this season, has better prospects than Lord Westgate, Sunset Boulevard and Salazie in the Prix Joseph Collignon. Kheta King, Gorgeous Strike and Captain Turlock make up the raiding party in the Prix Robert de Villeneuve Bargemon.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 April Prince.
2.00 Beech Road.
2.30 ASTRAL (nap).
3.00 Darc Hansel.
3.30 Border Burg.
4.00 Rapier Thrust.

By Michael Seely

1.30 Panto Prince. 4.00 Rapier Thrust.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

Going: good to soft

1.30 ALDERMASTON NOVICE CHASE (£2,282: 2m 160yd) (7 runners)

102	12/PP-31	NORTHWARD (Mrs J Grant) P W Harris 7-11-10	R Stronge	82	5-1
103	32-0302	APRIL PRINCE (P Fowler) F Winter 6-11-4	P Scudamore	91	3-1
106	1112/F3	CHURCHES GREEN (S Tindall) S Mellor 8-11-4	M Harrington	● 99	F5-2
107	0-30103	PANTO PRINCE (BF) (Mrs L Warren) L Kennard 6-11-4	B Powell	—	9-2
108	322-410	RAMADI DAWN (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 6-11-4	K Mooney	—	8-1
110	0300/00	TORYMORE GREEN (I Anderson) J Webber 8-11-4	G Mernagh	65	14-1
111	003-F44	WINTER MEASURE (P Male) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-4	B de Haan	80	10-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED — SNOW

FORM NORTHWARD (11-3) must concede weight to the rest of the field as the result of a 5l beating of Venetian Princess (10-12) at Windsor (2m 40yd, £1738, good to soft, Jan 1, 12 ran). APRIL PRINCE (11-2) ran a promising race on chasing debut when ¾l 2nd to Cradle Of Jazz (11-2) at Windsor (2m 40yd, £1920, good to soft, Feb 4, 18 ran). CHURCHES GREEN (11-3) should be nearing peak fitness after a 3¾l 3rd to Wollow Will (11-3) at Kempton (2m, £3059, soft, Jan 24, 4 ran). PANTO PRINCE (11-3) switches to fences after a 1¾l 3rd to Bold Illusion (10-1) at Cheltenham (2m, £4097, soft, Jan 1, 8 ran). RAMADI DAWN also makes his chasing debut: winning form over hurdles included a (10-12) 4l victory over My Son My Son (10-12) at Stratford (2m, £685, good, Nov 6, 17 ran). WINTER MEASURE (11-0) was beaten 37½l by the top-class Tawridge (11-0) at Lingfield (2m, £6068, soft, Dec 6, 12 ran). Selection: CHURCHES GREEN

2.0 CRICKLADE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,036: 2m 4f 120yd) (16 runners)

201	00-10F1	JUVEN LIGHT (CD) (R Dilley) R Akehurst 6-12-0	Dale McKeown (4)	95	F9-2
202	1/0-0022	BEAT THE RETREAT (A Forster) J Jenkins 6-11-7	S Sherwood	96	F5-1
203	0041/30-	NIALAN (CD) (N De Savary) T Forster 7-11-7	H Davies	94	12-1
204	0113-4	WOODGATE (S Sainsbury) T Forster 6-11-6	L Harvey (4)	83	10-1
205	P334-00	MARSHELL KEY (R Gunner) J Sayers 9-11-1	M Dwyer	● 99	14-1
206	0210-10	OBSERVER CORPS (BF) (G Clay) Mrs W Sykes 6-10-13	P Warner	92	12-1
207	1/11-PPP	KYOTO (B Monkhouse) J Jenkins 9-10-10	H Jenkins (7)	—	33-1
210	1423-31	BRASS CHANGE (C) (N Goodiff) I Dudgeon 9-10-8	M Richards	97	8-1
212	221040	SUPER GRASS (Mrs D Smart) B Smart 8-10-8	C Llewellyn (7)	94	8-1
213	4-22110	MANDAVI (Mrs K Anderson) N Henderson 6-10-8	M Bowlby (4)	94	10-1
214	41-0420	STERNE (B,BF) (Mrs W Tulloch) S Mellor 5-10-8	M Harrington	95	5-1
219	20-0000	GALLANT BUCK (B,C) (J Stott) D Elsworth 7-10-3	P Scudamore	98	16-1
222	010-4F	BEECH ROAD (BF) (T Geake) G Balding 5-10-0	K Mooney	98	16-1
223	21/0P00	GREAT LIGHT (C) (B Atkinson) J Jenkins 9-10-0	J White	90	25-1
225	P/123P2-	CIMABUE (H & H Removals (Sutton) Ltd) C Read 6-10-0	M Perrett	84	33-1
227	00/200U	GENERAL CHRYSON (C) (M Peraticos) J Gifford 7-10-0	E Murphy	89	25-1

FORM MARSHELL KEY needed the race first time out when unplaced at Sandown a week ago and has strong claims here on (10-7) a 7½l 4th to Jobroke (10-11) at Ascot last season (2m, £4338, good, Apr 12, 11 ran). BRASS CHANGE was (10-11) 10¾l 3rd to JUVEN LIGHT (10-12) last time over hurdles here and should reverse those placings at these weights (2m 4f, £4481, soft, Nov 21, 12 ran). SUPER GRASS ran much better than his finishing position of 8th suggests when out of the handicap behind Taberna Lord at Sandown a week ago; showed true form when (10-6) comfortably accounting for Spider's Well (11-3) at Newton Abbot on Boxing Day (2m 5f, £3044, heavy, Dec 26, 17 ran). MANDAVI ran badly last time but is much better than that effort suggests judging by (11-7) a 5l defeat of Prefales (10-11) at Leicester (2m 4f, £1175, soft, Dec 15, 23 ran). BEECH ROAD, lightly raced and a useful performer on his day, produced best effort this season when (11-0) 38l 4th to Bambrook Again (11-0) here (2m, £6764, soft, Nov 22, 7 ran). Selection: SUPER GRASS

2.30 STROUD GREEN HURDLE (Grade II: 4-Y-O: £5,045: 2m 100yd) (8 runners)

301	01	FLYING BENNY (A Nolan) A Moore 11-5	G Moore	91	7-2
302	42	ANYTHING BETTER (BF) (Lady Harris) G Balding 11-0	G Bradley	85	5-1
303	0022	ARABIAN BLUES (BF) (W Bradley) B Stevens 11-0	S Moore	78	14-1
306	111	ASTRAL (M Qashani) R Smyth 11-0	Dale McKeown	● 99	F5-2
309	0	HAMPER (H Joel) J Gifford 11-0	E Murphy	—	14-1
310	3321	JAZETAS (G Cooke) N Callaghan 11-0	D Murphy	81	10-1
311	0	JIMBALOU (M Davies) R Brazington 11-0	R Beggan	—	20-1
312	411	PAST GLORIES (N Hetherton) W Elsey 11-0	P A Farrell	90	5-1

FORM FLYING BENNY looked useful when (11-0) beating Plaid (11-0) 10l at Sandown with HAMPER (11-0) behind but sure to improve for the experience (2m, £2952, good to soft, Jan 10, 17 ran). ANYTHING BETTER (11-10) had FLYING BENNY (11-0) 5l behind when the pair were 4th and 5th to Caesar Imperator (11-0) on their debut at this course; showed he had made similar improvement when (11-0) a length 2nd to useful Admirals All (11-0) at Chepstow last time (2m, £1649, soft, Jan 27, 17 ran). ASTRAL has won all his three races to date, the latest (11-6) when beating Capulet (10-10) 7l at Kempton with JAZETAS (10-10), who has improved since, 8l farther back in 3rd (2m, £1825, good to soft, Nov 20, 18 ran). PAST GLORIES has yet to meet an opponent of genuine ability but (10-13) could not have beaten Longghurst (10-13) by 10l with more ease at Haydock and previously (11-0) was 3l too good for JAZETAS (11-0) at Market Rasen (2m, £1477, soft, Jan 7, 17 ran). Selection: ASTRAL

3.0 HARWELL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,293: 3m) (12 runners)

406	0-41111	BURNT OAK (CD) (Brig C Harvey) O Nicholson 11-11-7	R Dunwoody	94	F5-2
407	40P-310	CARVED OPAL (C) (Mrs G Abecassis) F Winter 9-11-7	P Scudamore	90	8-1
408	2222/4F	DARC HANSEL (Mrs G Morris-Adams) N Gaselee 9-11-4	S Sherwood	94	7-1
409	011P-13-	SPECIAL CARGO (D) (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 14-11-3	K Mooney	93	6-1
410	2111-R2	CLARA MOUNTAIN (S Sainsbury) T Forster 8-11-1	H Davies	97	11-2
411	000-310	BURANNPOUR (BF) (E Weinstein) G Balding 7-10-12	G Bradley	98	8-1
413	020-U04	YOU'RE WELCOME (D) (S Embiricos) J Gifford 11-10-9	E Murphy	97	10-1
414	11F-244	HARVEST FORTUNE (B) (J Cockerill) P Hobbs 7-10-7	Peter Hobbs	89	16-1
415	1F211/0	IT'S ONLY A JOKE (Mrs M Fry) T Forster 9-10-6	Mr M Armytage	—	25-1
416	F11-1F0	JUST FOR THE CRACK (D) (G Wills) K Bailey 9-10-6	P Croucher	95	20-1
417	11F-240	POLAR SUNSET (CD,BF) (C MacSwiney) T Forster 9-10-5	L Harvey (4)	● 99	12-1
419	011-003	PERHAPS LUCKY (Mrs V Hodges) D Elsworth 10-10-0	—	80	16-1

FORM BURNT OAK (10-2) completed his four-timer with a game 1½l win over Wayward Lad (12-0) at Doncaster (3m 2f, £5208, good, Dec 13, 5 ran) where JUST FOR THE CRACK (10-0) was well in contention before falling. CARVED OPAL disappointed at Kempton last time; previously (10-8) a 4l winner from Voice Of Progress (11-3) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £4486, good, Dec 26, 5 ran). CLARA MOUNTAIN (10-7) was far from disgraced when 15l 2nd to Gold Cup entry Bolands Cross (11-1) at Lingfield (3m, £10298, soft, Dec 6, 5 ran). BURANNPOUR (10-11) showed best form on penultimate start when a 25l winner from The County Stone (10-10) at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £4796, soft, Jan 1, 4 ran). JUST FOR THE CRACK (11-10) is inconsistent but is the selection on a 4l win over Celtic Hamlet (10-0) at Ascot (3m, £3790, good, Nov 14, 3 ran). Selection: JUST FOR THE CRACK

3.30 CHARLES HIGGINS MEMORIAL FOXHUNTERS CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,704: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

501	U/01111-	BORDER BURG (J Delahooke) J Delahooke 10-12-8	A Hill (7)	97	7-2
502	P1020/0-	ARABIAN MUSIC (C) (Lady Rootes) Lady Rootes 12-12-6	P Hacking (7)	83	12-1
503	102133-	BINGE (D) (R Goodall) R Goodall 11-12-6	—	73	10-1
504	F3FP/0-0	BUCK AND WING (Mrs T Arthur) Mrs T Arthur 12-12-6	Miss J Arthur (7)	—	20-1
505	F11/2F-4	FURTHER THOUGHT (D,BF) Mrs V Bergh 12-12-6	T Thomson Jones	● 99	3-1
514	4102P/3	YOUNG LOVER (CD) (Mrs O Jackson) Mrs O Jackson 9-12-6	J Wrathall (4)	89	F2-1
515	0/20224-	COMBE HILL (Miss A Fleming) N Mitchell 10-12-1	T Mitchell (7)	60	8-1
517	002BP/	ATOMIC ANSWER (K Hooper) K Hooper 11-11-11	P Swaffield (7)	—	33-1

FORM FURTHER THOUGHT (12-0) on reappearance last season finished 2l 2nd to Attitude Adjuster (12-0) in the Foxhunters at Cheltenham (3m 2f, £8778, good, Mar 13, 14 ran) with BORDER BURG (12-0), on backward side, a long way behind in 6th. BORDER BURG went on to win four races, culminating in a (12-0) 1½l victory over Royal Judgement (12-0), again at Cheltenham (3m 2f, £2966, soft, May 7, 8 ran), a race in which FURTHER THOUGHT (12-0) fell. YOUNG LOVER (12-3) had FURTHER THOUGHT (12-6) 4l behind in 4th when 3rd to Royal Judgement (12-6) at Sandown earlier this month (2m 4f 68yd, £1222, good, Feb 6, 9 ran) a race in which BUCK AND WING (11-10) was a well-beaten last of the 6 finishers. Selection: FURTHER THOUGHT

4.0 FEBRUARY NOVICE HURDLE (£2,726: 2m 100yd) (23 runners)

601	11111	RAPIER THRUST (R White) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-10	M Dwyer	● 99	F7-4
605	141	BARA PEG (R Greene) R Blakeney 6-11-5	Judy Blakeney (7)	92	6-1
606	132241	HANDY LANE (A Stoddart) L Kennard 6-11-5	B Powell	90	9-2
607	000F00	ABBEYBRANEY (Mrs E Ellis) P Cundell 8-11-0	—	60	50-1
611		BASRULLAH (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 6-11-0	R Stronge	—	25-1
613	0400	BEE GARDEN (B) (M Motley) P Bailey 5-11-10	S Morshead	86	33-1
614		BROWN GAMBLER (Mrs A Lawe) R Armytage 5-11-0	A Gorman	—	20-1
617	0-	CREDIT CUT (R E A Bott Ltd) O Sherwood 5-11-0	S Sherwood	—	14-1
618		DANISH FOLLY (E Thorbek) N Henderson 5-11-0	M Bowlby (4)	—	14-1
619	000-	DIAMOND DIGGER (Mrs V Tory) D Nicholson 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	—	16-1
621	F	EM-EM (R Tanner) J Old 5-11-0	C Llewellyn (7)	—	25-1
623	00	FORT AGUADA (H McEwen) N Vigors 5-11-0	H Davies	—	25-1
624	0	GENERAL BEE (Mrs P Harris) P W Harris 5-11-0	D Skyrme (7)	—	12-1
629	0	JUDGMENT DAY (R Tooth) N Henderson 5-11-0	J White	—	16-1
630	0	KING KAS (Milestrian Ltd) D Gandolfo 5-11-0	P Barton	—	20-1
632	F-	LUCKY MUDDLE (G Stickland) G Stickland 5-11-0	Mr S Stickland	—	20-1
635	P/F04-2	MILLERD HOUSE (A Darlington) A J Wilson 6-11-0	K Mooney	89	6-1
637	100	REDMARLEY (Mrs E Weinstein) G Balding 5-11-0	G Bradley	78	12-1
641	0	SAMSUN (Maj G Rodwell) J Webber 5-11-0	G Mernagh	—	16-1
642		SCARLET RUNNER (Mrs S Smart) F Walwyn 5-11-0	S Shilston	—	12-1
647	P0-0	EMBRACE (K Weisselberg) K Weisselberg 9-10-9	C Jones	—	20-1
648		LARCHWOOD (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 6-10-9	R Beggan	—	20-1
650	3P	SCALDINO (K Weisselberg) K Weisselberg 8-10-9	—	—	20-1

FORM RAPIER THRUST (11-10) was winning his 5th race on the trot when comfortably beating Diaconus (11-0) 5l at Market Rasen (2m, £1109, soft, Jan 7, 11 ran). BARA PEG, an earlier winner at Huntingdon (2m 5f), picked up the winning thread again at Fontwell last time (11-5) beating Treble Chance (10-12) 4l (2m 2f, £1392, good to soft, Dec 29, 16 ran). HANDY LANE (11-1) justified market support when beating The Bakewell Boy (11-0) 10l at Newton Abbot on Boxing Day (2m 150yd, £2558, heavy, 13 ran). BEE GARDEN, no show over 2m 6f last time, previously (11-0) finished about 17½l 6th to High Plains at Leicester (2m, £1748, soft, Dec 15, 22 ran). MILLERD HOUSE (11-0) made good late progress to finish 4l 2nd to The A Train (11-0) at Warwick (2m, £1076, good to soft, Dec 27, 14 ran). Selection: RAPIER THRUST

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
R Smyth	6	20	30.0	S Sherwood	9	40	22.8
T Forster	18	65	27.7	P Scudamore	42	209	20.1
F Winter	50	205	24.4	H Davies	28	152	18.4
D Nicholson	33	169	19.5	M Perrett	8	49	16.3
Mrs J Pitman	6	32	18.8	G Bradley	5	32	16.1
O Sherwood	5	30	16.7	P Barton	7	54	13.0

SEDGEFIELD

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Sir Jest. 2.0 Troilena. 2.30 Oyde Hills. 3.0 Shooler Prince. 3.30 Tancred Sand. 4.0 Crooning Berry.

Going: good to soft

1.30 WOOLSINGHAM NOVICE HURDLE (£746: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

1		ALPHABETICAL ORDER Miss K Thompson 5-11-0	B Storey
5	0	BOTANY BLADE M Avison 5-11-0	R Marley (7)
6	0	ETERNAL CREDIT R Fisher 5-11-0	J O'Gorman (7)
7	42/P	EXPERIMENTING (BF) B Curley 8-11-0	D Murphy
10		GREER C Tinkler 6-11-0	A Stringer
12	0000	HOWS TONY B Bousfield 5-11-0	R Earnshaw
15	03	LOCH LADDIE R Hollinshead 5-11-0	P Dever
16	PP	LUCKY COURSE R McDonald 7-11-0	M Pepper
17	P	LUCKY FELLOW C J Bell 5-11-0	Mr J Osborne (7)
18	U0	LUKE TREWARNE W Storey 7-11-0	—
20		MERE MAGIC Mrs S Austin 6-11-0	D Wilkinson
26	0P/	SADDAM B Wilkinson 7-11-0	—
27	0222	SIR JEST W A Stephenson 9-11-0	R Lamb
28	0	SON OF PAUPER R O'Leary 7-11-0	L Wyer
29	202	SPARK OF PEACE P Blockley 5-11-0	—
40	-000	CALMATA Lady Ann Bowlby 6-10-9	Mr D Kinsella
42	PP	HUA SAUCY V Hall 5-10-9	Mr A Orkney
43		ORIENT LAUGHTER B McLean 5-10-9	—

2-1 Spark of Peace, 3-1 Loch Laddie, 9-2 Eternal Credit, 6-1 Experimenting, 8-1 Greer, 10-1 Botany Blade, 12-1 others

2.0 RAMSIDE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,564: 2m) (9)

2	4-00	VEILED CITY (CD) F Storey 11-11-8	B Storey
3	12P0	SIR BADSWORTH (CD) T Laxton 9-11-8	R Crank
4	2212	PRICE OF PEACE (D,BF) C J Bell 9-11-6	Mr J Osborne (7)
5	3402	TROILENA (CD) R Fisher 11-10-13	J O'Gorman (7)
6	0402	GO ON JOE (CD) J Richardson 13-10-3	Mr A Orkney
8	2342	BIRSBY (D) R McDonald 13-10-0	R Marley (7)
9	083F	JUST MARTIN R Champion 9-10-0	L Wyer
10	4213	PERFECT GLEN (D,BF) Denys Smith 7-10-0	A Stringer
11	00-0	GOOD GOING GIRL R Swiers 7-10-0	Miss A Beaumont (7)

3-1 Price of Peace, 7-2 Sir Badsworth, 4-1 Troilena, 6-1 Perfect Glen, 8-1 Go On Joe, 10-1 Birsby, 12-1 others

2.30 DUDLEY DUKES ANTIQUE FAIRS NOVICE CHASE (£1,205: 3m 600yd) (15)

2	24U3	ABEROY R Champion 8-10-10	L Wyer
4	00/P	BOWTHATCH C H P Bell 8-10-10	—
5	0-0F	CANDY CONE R Brewis 7-10-10	A Stringer
6		CAPTAIN JOE M Reddan 9-10-10	A Merrigan (7)
7	-F44	DEEP SOUTH Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-10	J J Quinn
9	20/P	EXIT ONLY R Swiers 11-10-10	Mr S Swiers (7)
10	0-PP	FERROUS W Page 6-10-10	J O'Gorman (7)
11	3324	HANDY TRICK W A Stephenson 6-10-10	R Lamb
12	4800	HISTORIC HOUSE M Ellerby 12-10-10	M Pepper
14	00-4	KELDLANDS Mrs V Aconley 7-10-10	J R Quinn (7)
15	P-0U	MOUNT RULE C J Bell 7-10-10	Mr J Osborne (7)
16	3	OYDE HILLS K Morgan 8-10-10	S McNeill
19	30/4	WHITLEY BURN A Smith 8-10-10	J A Harris
20	-40F	BRIDGIT'S GIRL P Liddle 9-10-5	B Storey
21	00-3	KANISA (B) W J Smith 9-10-5	—

11-4 Handy Trick, 7-2 Deep South, 4-1 Oyde Hills, 6-1 Keldlands, 8-1 Whitley Burn, 10-1 Kanisa, 12-1 others

3.0 HORDEN HANDICAP CHASE (£1,533: 2m 4f) (14)

4	00-	POWDER HORN (C,D) Mrs J Barr 10-11-7	Mr T D Smith (7)
5	0301	BORDER KNIGHT (CD) J Haldane 12-11-7	A Stringer
6	2F42	REJUVENATOR (CD) G Richards 11-11-7	Mr P Doyle (7)
7	0330	KAMIR A Jarvis 7-11-6	T Jarvis
8	3-1F	SHOOLER PRINCE (CD,BF) F Watson 10-11-5	M Hammond
9	-282	TASAR W A Stephenson 6-11-0	R Lamb
10	123F	BARRYPHILIPS DISCO R Whitaker 10-11-0	R Hatfield
11	F02F	BEAU N'IDOL (C) E H Robson 8-10-12	B Storey
13	P833	KING OF TYRE J Parkes 10-10-2	J J Quinn
14	/41-	TOCODESU Miss C Caroe 6-10-2	R Crank
15	3034	SUNY ME (BF) R Scholey 9-10-2	M Pepper
16	U0PF	MISS WOOD (CD) P Robinson 12-10-0	D Condell
17	U000	ANOTHER FLAME W Storey 10-10-0	—
18	4213	PERFECT IMAGE (BF) W Storey 7-10-0	—

7-2 Shooler Prince, 4-1 Tasar, 9-2 Border Knight, 6-1 Barryphilips Disco, 8-1 Rejuvenator, 10-1 Suny Me, 12-1 others

3.30 RYHOPE NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £617: 2m) (18)

3	3	BLACK DIAMOND A Jarvis 11-0	T Jarvis
4	00	D'OR'S GEM P Bevan 11-0	—
5	2333	ELEGANT GUEST Denys Smith 11-0	A Smith (7)
6	0	GOLD CHIP Mrs D Haine 11-0	J J Quinn
9	00F	ILLUMINATOR M H Easterby 11-0	R Marley (7)
10	0	JIMMY'S SECRET A Smith 11-0	J A Harris
11		MATCHLESSLY R Whitaker 11-0	R Hatfield
12		MAWDLYN GATE R Whitaker 11-0	M Brennan
13	0	MEADOW MOOR D Lamb 11-0	R Lamb
14		MERITMOORE G Moore 11-0	M Hammond
15	223	NORTON WARRIOR M H Easterby 11-0	L Wyer
16		SANDMOOR PRINCE A McPherson 11-0	P Dever
17	00	SARYAN B Curley 11-0	D Murphy
18	20	SOLSTITIAL SONG Mrs G Reveley 11-0	P Niven
19	P	STRONGARM R Dods 11-0	A Stringer
20	F42	TANCRED SAND J Jefferson 11-0	M Hill
23	0	HIYA BUD J Birkett 10-9	S Keightley
25	00	LITTLE PRICE Miss M Bell 10-9	B Storey

9-4 Tancred Sand, 7-2 Elegant Guest, 5-1 Norton Warrior, 7-1 Gold Chip, 10-1 Black Diamond, 12-1 others

4.0 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,320: 3m 600yd) (14)

4	-004	CROONING BERRY J J O'Neill 8-11-9	L Wyer
6	0341	CARAT STICK (C) F Walton 7-11-5	Mr J Walton
7	-344	GOOD TOO SEE YOU Mrs S Austin 9-11-0	D Wilkinson
8	2230	HARLEY Miss J Eaton 7-11-0	—
9	-002	SWINHOE CROFT (C,BF) Mrs M Dickinson 5-10-12	Mr N Smith (7)
10	3-00	SMART JACK (C) R Fisher 6-10-11	B Storey
11	0023	BARDSEY (B) R Hollinshead 7-10-5	P Dever
12	0022	BETTY'S GIRL R O'Leary 7-10-2	—
13	3280	RISING FAIR D Leslie 8-10-2	—
15	143F	PRINCE METTERNICH C J Bell 6-10-0	Mr J Osborne (7)
16	0003	AMBERWELL P Bevan 11-10-0	—
17	0-04	LITTLE MITTENS R Barr 9-10-0	Miss A Beaumont (7)
18	0300	GALTRIM (C) T Bill 8-10-0	R Crank
19	-031	GRUNDY'S PET G Moore 5-10-0	M Hammond

7-2 Swinhoe Croft, 4-1 Carat Stick, 9-2 Bardsey, 6-1 Crooning Berry, 8-1 Harley, 12-1 Prince Metternich, 14-1 others

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Haldane, 7 winners from 30 runners, 23.3%; M H Easterby, 14 from 73, 19.2%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 9 from 50, 18.0%; Denys Smith, 31 from 194, 16.0; Mrs G Reveley, 10 from 63, 15.9%; R Fisher, 22 from 144, 15.3%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 11 winners from 43 rides, 25.6; M Hammond 6 from 27, 22.2. (Only two qualifiers).

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Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Dark Trix.
2.15 Hy Tab.
2.45 Comanchero.
3.15 Clonroche Gazette.
3.45 Laskin.
4.15 Peter Martin.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.45 COMANCHERO (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 COMANCHERO.

Going: good to soft

1.45 OLD TOLL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£918: 2m) (11 runners)

5	03-0402	DARK TRIX (Mrs S Baudouin) J Johnson 7-11-7	G Landau	93	F3-1
8	2F00F0	MOONDAWN (D) (Mrs B Ramsden) K Stone 6-11-0	A Charlton	97	14-1
10	004-000	KING HARRY (R Anderson) R Goldie 6-10-10	S McCrystal	● 99	16-1
11	000-403	I'M EXCEPTIONAL (F Lee) F H Lee 5-10-9	C Nolan	96	4-1
12	0-00000	YELLOW BEAR (B,D) (H Bousfield) J Parkes 5-10-8	S Turner	92	16-1
14	000230	CHI MAI (B,D) (A Guy) J Norton 7-10-6	S Woods	98	5-1
16	210/P0F	LAURENCE PARSONS (D) (Mrs J Gdle) W Fairgrieve 10-10-4	G Thomson	—	20-1
18	00-0240	BAYTOWN COKE (Ceilings & Interiors Ltd) B Morgan 7-10-0	W P Smith (5)	98	7-1
19	P00000-	HADRIAN'S HYTECH (Hytech Packaging Ltd) J Jefferson 6-10-0	A Hill (5)	—	20-1
22	04000F	KELLY'S INN (T Glendinning) D Moffatt 7-10-0	Amanda Glendinning	92	14-1
23	3000-00	LITTLE NEWINGTON (Capes Management Ltd) N Bycroft 6-10-0	K Cotter	—	10-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED — FROST

2.15 CARWINSHOCH NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,672: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

2	4-1223P	DUTCH LORD (D Knights) Denys Smith 6-12-3	C Grant	91	5-1
3	F0411P	HY TAB (C,D) (W Wells) P Daly 10-11-10	Mr M Walsh (7)	● 99	5-1
4	0-210	PRINCE ZEUS (BF) (J Curtis) D Lee 8-11-5	G Harker	88	6-1
5	3F0-140	IMPAGE (D Nicholson) S Leadbetter 9-11-3	J Hansen	90	7-1
6	P00440	WISE CRACKER (Melchan & Cox Building Ltd) G Richards 6-11-1	P Tuck	91	10-1
10	0-21444	JONDALE (J Bradburne) J Bradburne 10-10-1	Mrs S Bradburne	88	10-1
11	F04	FOREST GOLD (M Mackenzie) N Crump 7-10-0	C Hawkins	85	F7-2
14	03-340P	TOMMY GE (CD) (Mrs J Miller) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-10-0	J K Kinane	93	12-1
15	32000P	MILLSTREAK (Mrs D Culham) Mrs D Culham 7-10-0	D Jones (7)	86	20-1
16	082000	JUPITER PRINCE (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 8-10-0	K Jones	92	14-1
17	30-0000	HAZEL BANK (Wm McKinlay Ltd) P Monteith 8-10-0	K Teelan	82	25-1
18	000-404	PROUD CON (H Proud) J Charlton 8-10-0	P Dennis (4)	—	16-1
20	400-0P0	HELLCATMUDWRESTLER (W McGhie) W McGhie 6-10-0	—	—	20-1

2.45 BRAEHEAD NOVICE HURDLE (£701: 2m) (17 runners)

4	P-	DUBOVSKY (M Glen) J Mooney 5-11-4	J Mooney	—	25-1
7	0	GREENHILL HENRY (D Robertson) D Robertson 8-11-4	Mr D Robertson	—	25-1
9		HOPEFULL FUTURE (D Lee) D Lee 7-11-4	G Harker	—	25-1
10	P/00-00	KAMBALDAS BOY (J Thom) J Thom 6-11-4	S Youlden	—	25-1
11	00	MERCURIUS (D Robertson) D Robertson 5-11-4	Mrs A Robertson	—	25-1
12	000	OAKGROVE (Lt Col W Monteith) P Monteith 5-11-4	D Nolan	—	20-1
16	00	VICTOR HERBERT (W McIntosh) R Goldie 5-11-4	P Dennis (4)	—	20-1
17	0	WAVERLEY MILL (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 6-11-4	P Tuck	87	7-1
18	01	COMANCHERO (D) (Mrs H Johnson) J Johnson 4-11-0	G Landau (4)	● 99	4-1
19	0-4	CADENETTE (Mrs M Stewart) T Cuthbert 5-10-13	C Hawkins	91	6-1
21	2	PORTAVIA GIRL (R Marshall) T Craig 5-10-13	B Hey (7)	94	5-1
22	42	SINGING HILLS (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 6-10-13	M Meagher	94	F7-2
23	0	BANTEL BANZAI (T Craig) T Craig 4-10-8	M Ennis	—	14-1
24	00	MASNOON (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 4-10-8	C Grant	—	10-1
25		RED-ULSTER (Mrs S Guy) J Norton 4-10-8	S Woods (7)	—	25-1
29	0P	TOP ROW (J Zochonis) A W Jones 4-10-8	D Jones	77	25-1
30	0P	SAGAREME (F Lee) F H Lee 4-10-3	S Holland	85	25-1

3.15 MARCHBURN NOVICE CHASE (£1,698: 3m 110yd) (9 runners)

2	R03	BRAVE ADMIRAL (Mrs G Fairbairn) G Fairbairn 7-11-9	T Reed	● 99	6-1
3	01/0-00F	CLANNAD (J Anderson) R Fisher 8-11-9	M Meagher	—	8-1
4	3-43	CLONROCHE GAZETTE (A Green) Miss M Bell 7-11-9	C Grant	98	F2-1
6		DUNARAM (R Wilson) P Daly 12-11-9	NON-RUNNER	—	—
9	3P-P	GIDDY LIMIT (R P Adam Ltd) R Allan 7-11-9	T G Dun	—	16-1
13	F/3P-	MOUNT UNIACKE (Mrs A Brown) W A Stephenson 8-11-9	K Jones	—	10-1
15	42FF00	SECRET LAKE (I Pearson) J Charlton 8-11-9	P Dennis (4)	84	4-1
16	030/003-	TELEGRAPH BUSH (G Renilson) G Renilson 10-11-9	Mr K Anderson (7)	80	10-1
18	00-403F	KERSTELLA (Lord Cadogan) N Crump 6-11-4	C Hawkins	—	7-2

3.45 LAGG NOVICE HURDLE (£715: 2m 4f) (25 runners)

1	4-13000	LACIDAR (D) (Mrs E Seagrave) J Johnson 7-11-12	G Landau (4)	88	10-1
4	0-22241	TARTAN TORCHLIGHT (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 7-11-12	P Tuck	90	F5-2
5	000000	THE FIXER (I Ross) J Mooney 6-11-12	J Mooney	74	25-1
7	402/013	MARCH FLY (Mrs A Mactaggart) A Mactaggart 7-11-7	Mr D Mactaggart (7)	94	7-2
8		BARONY ISLE (Mrs J Milligan) B Wilkinson 6-11-6	G Harker	—	25-1
10	0-4	BEIDERBECKE (Lord Ronaldshay) P Calver 6-11-6	T G Dun	80	10-1
12	000	BOSCHENDAL (A Batey) A Batey 5-11-6	Mr P Johnson (7)	94	25-1
15	00-0F0	DEVON DISCOVERY (Mrs W Crawford) W Crawford 5-11-6	T Reed	80	25-1
18	00	DON RUNI (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 5-11-6	C Grant	—	12-1
19	U0-0	FALKLANDS FOLLY (W Wells) P Daly 7-11-6	Mr M Walsh	—	20-1
20	0	GALADINE (J Lawson) M H Easterby 5-11-6	—	—	10-1
23	20-	LASKIN (A Fawcett) J Jefferson 6-11-6	S Holland	95	12-1
26	022302	MILESIAN DANCER (I Dalgleish) W Fairgrieve 7-11-6	G Thomson (7)	95	7-1
27		MISTER CARRICK (Col D Greig) K Oliver 6-11-6	J K Kinane	—	20-1
28	002-400	NIGHT WARRIOR (J Mason) A Robson 5-11-6	—	94	14-1
29	400-000	PADDY HAYTON (Mrs B Ward) S Leadbetter 6-11-6	J Hansen	84	16-1
31	0000-30	SNOW BABU (A Mansley) D Moffatt 5-11-6	K Teelan	91	10-1
32	0-F0	SOUD'N BRIG (D Robertson) D Robertson 6-11-6	Mr D Robertson	—	20-1
33	20-3	VALE OF SECRECY (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 6-11-6	M Meagher	● 99	5-1
34	0	BELLANOORA (J Thom) J Thom 5-11-1	S Youlden	—	25-1
35	0P/000-4	CHANCES PITCH (Mrs H Wells) P Daly 6-11-1	Mr K Anderson (7)	—	16-1
38	4P10	DIME AND A DOLLAR (D) (A W Jones) A W Jones 4-11-1	Miss D Jones	81	14-1
41	0P/00P0-	RIVER SONG (D Darling) D Darling 8-11-1	Mr D Darling	—	25-1
42	00-UF30	SWOP SHOP (J Lane) J J O'Neill 8-11-1	G Lyons (7)	86	8-1
43	P	TH'OILMEN (Capes Management Ltd) N Bycroft 4-10-8	C Hawkins	—	25-1

4.15 SPITTAL HILL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,674: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1	0-22000	PETER MARTIN (V,D) (F Lee) F H Lee 6-11-10	S Holland	● 99	7-1
2	10P3-14	HA'PENNY NAP (CD) (Mrs B Ramsden) K Stone 9-11-10	A Charlton (7)	91	7-1
5	3121-00	TELEMETER GEM (Telemeter Eng Ltd) R Fisher 6-11-7	M Meagher	80	7-1
6	0F3103	SECRET FINALE (D) (Regent Decorators Ltd) J Johnson 8-11-4	G Landau (4)	96	7-2
7	00011/	WARGAME (A Batey) A Batey 7-11-4	Mr P Johnson (7)	—	20-1
9	2-00043	RAPID BEAT (C) (J Walker) W A Stephenson 7-11-2	K Jones	85	4-1
10	430-402	ROMAN DUSK (D) (W Lockey) J Charlton 7-11-1	P Dennis (4)	92	F3-1
12	321-0PP	SYRINX (CD) (F Barlow) M Naughton 5-10-0	C Grant	94	16-1
14	00000-4	NEW KINGSGROVE (D) (R Atkins) J Mooney 8-10-0	J Mooney	80	14-1

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
Jimmy Fitzgerald	9	32	28.1	P Tuck	24	130	18.5
M H Easterby	23	100	23.0	M Meagher	6	33	18.2
A MacTaggart	7	35	20.0	T G Dun	24	156	15.4
G Richards	52	279	18.6	K Teelan	5	38	13.2
W A Stephenson	29	168	17.3	C Grant	23	180	12.8
N Bycroft	5	31	16.2	Only qualifiers			

Strike Gold in our free competition

The Tote celebrates its first sponsorship of the Gold Trophy (formerly the Schweppes) at Newbury tomorrow by joining with *The Times* in a special free competition with exciting prizes.

There are luxury visits to Cheltenham for the Tote Gold Cup awaiting our six winners, each with a companion. All you have to do is answer the questions about the Gold Trophy and the Gold Cup. There are five questions today and a further five tomorrow.

For each of the six winners, there will be:

- *** Dinner, bed and breakfast for two people in the Churchill Hotel, Portman Square, London on Wednesday, March 18.**
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- *** A superb view of the racing from the Tote box overlooking the winning post.**
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The Tote Gold Cup, centrepiece of the three-day National Hunt Festival, is the ultimate challenge for quality steeplechasers. The mighty Arkle won the championship three years in a row, from 1964 to 1966, and who will ever forget last year's achievement by Dawn Run in becoming the first horse to complete the Gold Cup-Champion Hurdle double?

The Tote Gold Trophy is justifiably considered the most competitive handicap hurdle in the National Hunt calendar. From the early triumphs of the late Capt Ryan Price, the two-mile Newbury test has always been a thrilling contest, with countless gambles won and lost.

Send your completed entry form from *The Times*, today or tomorrow, to **The Times/Tote Racing Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD.**

Entries must arrive by February 20. The first six correct entries drawn after that date will win the prizes.

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Today's questions

1: Who is the only woman to train a Schweppes Gold Trophy winner?

2: Trainer Peter Easterby saddled the first and second in the 1979 Schweppes Gold Trophy and 1981 Tote Gold Cup. Name them.

3: Four mares have triumphed in the Tote Gold Cup. Who were they?

4: Name a successful Gold Cup rider who later trained a Schweppes winner.

5: A Schweppes winner went on to collect a Champion Hurdle, a month later. Which horse?

The other five questions will appear tomorrow.

RACING

Robin Goodfellow brings Bradley back into favour

Graham Bradley, castigated 24 hours earlier by Toby Balding for his riding of Kildimo at Ascot, received a much warmer reception from the Fyfield trainer at Huntingdon yesterday after partnering Robin Goodfellow to victory in the Sidney Banks Memorial Hurdle.

Balding put his arms round the jockey and pretended to kiss him. "He's half redeemed himself and could'nt have done it better," Balding said. "Robin Goodfellow is a decent horse and obviously gets the trip. He goes for the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham and will not run again before that."

The race proved a total disaster for the 6-4 favourite, City Entertainer, who was the first horse beaten with three hurdles to jump and trailed in last. The stewards held an inquiry into his performance and interviewed his trainer, Charlotte Postlethwaite.

They accepted her explanation that the horse found nothing when let down. Mrs Postlethwaite said afterwards: "Racing certainly brings you down with a bump. City Entertainer was 101 per cent yesterday. We'll just have to get him home and we may know a bit more in a couple of days. He blew a lot today and his jockey felt he should really have pulled him up".

Hassle Money made the early running until Agathist jumped ahead four from home but Bradley moved Robin Goodfellow up very smoothly to take command turning for home and the race was over. Cone Alone and Kylemakill plugged on over the last two hurdles to finish second and third, relegating Agathist to fourth.

Claude Monet, a six-length winner at Hereford last week, carried a 5lb penalty in the Whittlesey Handicap Chase and doubled that winning margin. The penalty never looked like stopping him as he made just about all the running. Mark Dwyer, who rode the 6-4 favourite, is now on the 65 mark, five behind Peter Scudamore.

The winning trainer, David Gandolfo, said: "Claude Monet is settling better nowadays and stays well. He's gone up 10lb in today's *Racing Calendar* and will run next at either Kempton or Market Rasen. Mark Dwyer has now had four rides for me and won on three of them."

Mercy Rimell, who saddled Celtic Cygnet to win the EBF Hart Hill Stud Novices' Hurdle at Wincanton, had bad news about her former champion hurdler, Gaye Brief. She said: "He won't run before Cheltenham, if at all. He tapped the inside of a splint bone on a hind leg at Sandown last Saturday and is a bit sore."

Celtic Cygnet won well but hails from an ill-fated family. She is a full sister to Celtic Isle, who was killed at Sandown, and a half-sister to King Jo, who died on the gallops last month.

Jonathan Lower recorded his eighteenth winner of the season on Rig Steel in the opening race. Lower, who has done so well since joining Martin Pipe, was riding here for Peter Cundell.

Cundell said: "This horse has been criticized for mistakes he has made in the past but he did it all right today. He is still learning because he started chasing when he was a five-year-old." Rig Steel led over the last fence, having gone clear in the closing stages with the subsequent runner-up, Bee Orchid.

● Geordie Dun partners Wayward Lad for the first time in The Elk Chase, a limited handicap, at Ayr tomorrow. Among his opponents will be the Grand National runner-up, Young Driver, and Peaty Sandy. Graham Bradley, Wayward Lad's usual rider, will be on his stable companion, By The Way, in Catterick's Grand National Trial.

● David Elsworth is having second thoughts about Desert Orchid's next race. The Whitsbury trainer had named the P.Z. Mower Chase at Thurles on February 26 as the probable target but now favours the Jim Ford Challenge Cup at Wincanton the same day.

Gold Cup hope out for season

Rainbow Warrior, a contender for both the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National, has run his last race of the season and possibly his career (Paul Wheeler writes).

The 10-year-old, trained under permit in Devon by Martyn Meade, was pulled up before the last in the Charterhouse Chase at Ascot on Wednesday – his first run for 12 months.

At first it was thought that the horse had broken down. However the news yesterday was even less encouraging. "The horse has fractured the sesamoid bone in his near fore," Meade said. "I've seen a video of the race and he seemed to land awkwardly over the water jump."

Meade could still be represented in the Gold Cup as he is a part-owner of Golden Friend, trained by Mercy Rimell.

Results from two meetings

Wincanton

Going: good to soft

1.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, **RIG STEEL** (J Lower, 13-2); 2, Bee Orchid (J Hurst, 33-1); 3, Young Blood (A Mulholland, 4-1 fav); 4, Beata An Uisce (L Harvey, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Owen Glendower, 6 Thornton (f), 15-2 Cheadle Green, 12 Rubercola (ur), 14 Lucky Rew (5th), 20 Mighty Disaster, 25 Three Chances (pu), Giddycan (f), Compton Boy, 33 Urard Boy, Black Earl (6th), Playfields (pu), Lady Sweetapples (pu), Falkland Conqueror. 18 ran. 3l, 10l, 3l, 5l, 5l. P Cundell at Newbury. Tote: £4.90; £1.50, £7.40, £2.20, £2.20. DF: £353.00. CSF: £192.71. Tricast: £872.85.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, **CELTIC CYGNET** (S Morshead, 4-1); 2, Lizzy Longstocking (D Wonnacott, 13-2); 3, Great Aunt Sally (B Dowling, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Spring Philtre (6th), 5 Busy Mittens (f), 12 Caoimhe (5th), 20 Oborne Express, 25 Legal Aid, Miss Burgundy. 33 Pantomimist (pu), Pippahmint Lass, 50 Dodgy Decision (ref), Emmanizer (4th), Goblins Thimbles (pu), Indian Sunrise (pu), Little Khan, Lost Country (f), Romful Air, Royal Furze (pu), Saravanta, Seal Poem (pu). 21 Ran. 2½l, 4l, 10l, 1½l, 1½l. Mrs M Rimell at Severn Stoke. Tote: £4.40; £1.80, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £8.60. CSF: £27.99.

2.45 (2m 5f ch) 1, **SUMMONS** (Peter Hobbs, 6-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Mr Dibbs (B de Haan, 4-1); 3, Imperial Champagne (S Morshead, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Hal's Joy (6th), 7 Peacefull Member (f), 12 Above Par (5th), 16 Alien Lad (4th), 33 Roman Son (f), 50 Avon Vale, Giles Cross, Mischievous Monk (pu), Scottish Air (pu), The Bonderizer (f), The Undergraduate (f), Misty Park (pu), Ever Great. 15 ran. 10l, 2l, 1l, dist, 1½l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £1.70, £5.10. DF: £5.70. CSF: £7.98.

3.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, **I GOT STUNG** (Mr A Hill, 8-11 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Prince Milborne (Mr G Upton, 16-1); 3, Arctic Mariner (Mr I Dowrick, 40-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Village Mark (f), 7 Kate Just (5th), 17-2 Buck's Mill (4th), 10 Tawny Myth (f), 25 Blue Jeans (pu), General Merchant (5th), 50 Chart Return, Eight Ball (pu), Fighting Rocket (f), Flying-X-Ray (pu), Sayou (pu), Spartan Glory (pu), Tullsperk (f), Melodic Spirit (pu), Stoneyard. 18 ran. NR: Hard Touch, Romulex. 20l, 2l, 8l, 2½l, dd-ht. J Delahooke at Buckingham. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £2.80, £7.30. DF: £10.20. CSF: £14.93.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, **DEVIL'S RUN** (B de Haan, 5-2); 2, The Leggett (C Brown, 20-1); 3, Out Yonder (R Stronge, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Forcello, 13-2 Sheer Nectar (5th), 14 Sahraan (pu), 16 Supercoombe, Rue St Jacques (f), 20 Kuwait Star, 25 Prlok (f), Tom's Little Will, Sunkt, 33 Murhal, Musical Youth (bd), No Bolder, Winter Haven (6th), Baytino, Persian Blade, Smithy's Girl, Plain Talk (4th), Term of a Century (f). 21 ran. 2½l, ½l, 12l, sh hd, 1½l. T Bulgin at Salisbury. Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £2.30, £10.40. DF: £30.40. CSF: £51.30.

4.15 (2m hdle) 1, **SANTOPADRE** (G McCourt, Evens fav); 2, Life Guard (J Frost, 9-1); 3, Cocaine (C Cox, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Topsoil, 9 Black Sheep (4th), 11-4 Norstown (f), 12 Dick's Folly, 20 Arena Auction (6th), Cervante Sovereign, 33 John Willoughby, Meziara (5th), Laura's Pride, Conor's Rock, Abjad. 14 ran. 5l, 1l, 4l, 10l, 4l. R Simpson at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £2.80, £1.40. DF: £16.70. CSF: £12.03. Tricast: £46.87.

Placepot: £41.00

Huntingdon

Going: soft

1.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **B J MOON** (P Croucher, 8-1); 2, Theresa (D Hood, 8-1); 3, Virginia Pageant (P Cooney, 8-1); 4, Burgundy Star (C Smith, 8-1). ALSO: 6 fav Sail Springs, 7 Crimson Sol (pu), 10 Fleda-Roi, Letchworth, 12 Roundgrey (5th), Colonel Popski, Platinum Blond, Shared Joke, 14 Flaming Pearl (pu), 16 Irish Harvest, Friendly Bee, Reluctant Gift (pu), 20 Tyrannise (pu), Fire Lord (pu), 25 Tiber Gate, Rudolph Mole (pu), The Moon And Back (6th), Pelegrin. 22 ran. NR: Qualitair Princess. 1½l, 2l, 2l, 12l, 8l. R E Blakeney at Devizes. Tote: £11.30; £2.40, £2.10, £2.80, £5.80. DF: £63.60. CSF: £84.01. Tricast: £522.17. Winner sold to Neville Callaghan for 2,500 guineas.

2.0 (3m ch) 1, **CLAUDE MONET** (M Dwyer, 6-4 fav); 2, Medway Gauntlet (M Brennan, 33-1); 3, Gold Bearer (P Scudamore, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Care (pu), 10 Bright Dream (5th), Turn Blue (4th), Hurryak House (f), 12 Gala Prince (pu), 16 Southern Prince (pu), 33 Patching (pu), Master Beau (pu), Barnaby Sam. 12 ran. NR: Rhymer's Tower, Springwood. 12l, 3l, 5l, 20l. D Gandolfo at Wantage. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £18.00, £1.20. DF (winner or second with any other horse): £7.10. CSF: £52.98. Tricast: £112.11.

2.30 (2m 4f) 1, **ROBIN GOODFELLOW** (G Bradley, 7-1); 2, Cone Alone (H Davies, 25-1); 3, Kylemakill (J Duggan, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav City Entertainer, 5-2 Agathist (4th), 11-2 Sip Of Orange (5th), 7 Hassle Money (6th), 20 Powerless (pu). 8 ran. 5l, 2½l, 4l, dist, 4. G Balding at Weyhill. Tote: £6.80; £1.40, £3.00, £6.90. DF: £43.60. CSF: £120.45.

3.0 (2m 200yd ch) 1, **KOUROS** (M Brennan, 7-4 fav); 2, Miss Feltham (E Buckley, 25-1); 3, Airwair (J Duggan, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Rambling Song (ur), 8 Mister Feathers (f), Boreham Down (f), 12 Mosot (5th0, Timotver (f), 16 Silver Cannon (6th), 20 Bardan, Batu (4th), 25 Coward Shore, Veguely Artistic (f), 33 Penny Falls, Okaadh (bd). 15 ran. NR: Snowy Bondleir. 7l, 15l, 5l, dist, 4l. O Brennan at Newark. Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £5.70, £3.50. DF: £129.90.

3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, **CERTAIN LIGHT** (Mr P Hacking, 4-1); 2, Shrewd Operator (Mr J Wrathall, 11-4 fav); 3, Sonny May (Miss G Armytage, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Drumlargan (4th), 6 Peace Clash, 10 City Boy (6th), Prince Rowan (pu), 14 Cauchemar (f), 16 Winter Palace (f), 20 Shackin Brig (5th), 33 Brewster II, The Cliftonian (pu), The Cobalt Unit (pu). 13 ran. 1l, 10l, 8l, 8l, 15l. Mrs A Campbell at Ashford. Tote: £5.10; £2.30, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £7.30. CSF: £15.83.

4.0 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, **WHITHER GOEST THOU** (D Murphy, 6-1); 2, Capistrano Prince (E Murphy, 10-1); 2, Cassio Lil (E Buckley, 16-1); 4, Cruden Bay (S Johnson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav San Carlos, 4 Stray Shot, 7 Regal Steel, 8 Sand Castle, Paris Trader, 16 Dream Merchant (6th), Polynor (5th), 20 Miss Magnetism (pu), 33 Aliado, American Girl, Amber Hill, Cyprus Sky, Gods Will, Arrowroot. 18 ran. NR: Jesto, Mr Caractacus, Outlaw, Draw The Line. nk, 1l, 3l, 12l, 2½l. D Ringer at Newmarket. Tote: £5.50; £2.70, £2.10, £8.70. DF: £88.40. CSF: £67.36. Tricast: £859.34.

Placepot: £248.30

Cheltenham Festival entries

TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (3m 2f): Allied Newcastle 7 years, Barrow Line 10, Bolands Cross 8, Broadheath 10, Burrough Hill Lad 11, By The Way 9, Charter Party 9, Church Warden 8, Combs Ditch 11, Covent Garden 9, Cross Master 10, Cybrandian 9, Darc Hansel 9, Door Latch 9, Drive On Jimmy 9, Earls Brig 12, Forgive'N Forget 10, Galway Blaze 11, Gambridge Jupiter 9, Golden Friend 9, Hall Free 11, Homeson 10, Maori Venture 11, Mr Moonraker 10, Nupsala 8, Omerta 7, Oregon Trail 7, Queensway Boy 8, Rainbow Warrior 10, Run And Skip 9, Sign Again 9, Simon Legree 10, Socks Downe 8, Stearsby 8, Ten Plus 7, The Thinker 9, Valencio 10, Very Promising 9, Wayward Lad 12, West Tip 10, Zeleznik 9. To be run on Thursday, March 19.

WATERFORD CRYSTAL CHAMPION HURDLE (2m): Aonoch 8 years, Barnbrook Again 6, Bonalma 7, Brunico 5, Cima 9, Comandante 5, Corporal Clinger 8, Cut A Dash 8, Deep Idol 7, Flatterer 8, Floyd 7, Gaye Brief 10, Herbert United 8, High Knowl 4, Humberside Lady 6, I Bin Zaidoon 6, Ibn Majed 5, Jamesmead 6, Jimsintime 6, Manpower 7, Mister Point 5, Mr Kewmill 4, Mrs Muck 6, Nohalmdun 6, Polar Bear 7, Prideaux Boy 9, Ra Nova 8, River Ceiriog 6, Robin Wonder 8, Ruststone 7, Sabin Du Loir 8, Saffron Lord 5, See You Then 7, Southernair 7, Stepaside Lord 5, Tangognat 5, The Illiad 6, Zulko 8. To be run on Tuesday, March 17.

QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (2m): Aldro 11 years, Badsworth Boy 12, Berlin 8, Blackdeer 8, Bobsline 11, Bruges 10, Captain Dawn 11, Charcoal Wally 8, Desert Orchid 8, Dundalk Belle 5, Far Bridge 11, French Union 9, Kathies Lad 10, Kyoto 9, Left Bank 9, Little Bay 12, Milesian Dancer 7, Oregon Trail 7, Our Fun 10, Paddyboro 9, Pearlyman 8, Rainbow Warrior 10, Roadster 11, Townley Stone 8, Very Promising 9, W Six Times 10. To be run on Wednesday, March 18.

ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE (2m): Ace Of Spies 6 years, Alften Glazed 10, Aziano 7, Barrow Hills Boy 7, Barrow Line 10, Bluecher 6, Bushbury Fox 7, Butlers Pet 8, Churches Green 8, Comeragh King 8, Cottage Run 7, Coughlans Run 8, Dalbury 9, Dancer In Paris 7, Dan The Millar 8, Deep Prospect 8, Deer Crest 7, Dixton House 6, Dundalk Belle 5, Evening Song 8, First Bout 6, Gala's Image 7, General Chandos 6, Hill's Guard 8, Hy Tab 10, Il Castagno 7, Inisalder 8, Joint Sovereignty 7, Kelly's Maid 7, Kitto 7, Knockelly Castle 7, Kouros 8, Long Engagement 6, Lucky Rascal 8, Meikleour 8, Nonstop 8, Northward 7, Oxhey Cottage 8, Patrick's Pair 11, Penny's Dream 8, Raise An Argument 8, Ready Token 7, Rhoecus 8, Ribobelle 6, Ross Fandango 8, Rule Of The Sea 6, Scotsman Ice 7, Son Of Ivor 5, Sound Argument 8, Stirabout 7, Strathline 7, Taelos 8, Tickite Boo 7, Weather The Storm 7, William Crump 6. To be run on Tuesday, March 17.

GOLF

Cop that, cobber: Norman in the lead and police officer in the course of duty

Norman lays down the law

Melbourne (AP) – A uniformed policeman followed Greg Norman around the Huntingdale course during the first round of the Australian Masters Championship yesterday. The policeman stayed close to Norman at the request of tournament organizers after threats of demonstrations by anti-apartheid groups protesting against the Australian's links with South Africa.

There were no protesters in sight and Norman was in fine form with a five-under-par 68 for a share of the first-round lead. Tournament officials later said they expected the anti-apartheid protest to take place tomorrow.

Norman has angered Australian anti-apartheid groups by refusing to sign a document promising not to compete in events at Sun City in South Africa. "I am a professional golfer and I will play where I chose," he said last week.

Norman struck early with four birdies in five holes from the second but he dropped a stroke at the fourth hole of the 6,996-yard course. Heading back to the clubhouse, the Open champion picked up further shots at the 11th and 14th.

Two other Australians, Wayne Grady and Peter McWhinney, shared the lead with him. Ian Baker-Finch, winner of last week's Australian matchplay title, and Chien Soon Lu, of Taiwan, were one stroke behind, with Roger Mackay, of Australia, alone in third place after a 70. Bernhard Langer, of West Germany, who was expected to be Norman's main rival here, returned a disappointing 74.

FIRST ROUND (Aus unless stated): 68: G Norman, P McWhinney, W Grady. 69: Chien Soon Lu (Taiwan), I Baker-Finch. 70: R Mackay. 71: D Feherty (GB), R Lee (GB), G Turner (NZ), L Canning, M Clayton. 72: D Graham, G Brand jun (GB), J Nicklaus jun (US), G J Brand (GB), G Marsh, I Stanley, K Dukes, S Hoch (US).

Other scores: 73: R Rafferty (GB). 74: B Langer (WG). 75: I Woosnam (GB); S Torrance (GB). Other British scores: 77: P Way. 79: M Bembridge, N Faldo. 80: T Price. 81: M McLean.

ICE SKATING

Fulton on standby

By John Hennessy

Joanne Conway, the British figure skating champion, is making a recovery from her damaged ankle but it is still too soon to say whether or not she will be able to take her place in the world championships in Cincinnati next month.

The signs, however, are hopeful. The plaster was removed from her ankle last week in Colorado Springs, where she trains, and by Sunday she was able to perform the double axel, a crucial jump in women's skating.

In her absence the one place open to Britain will go to Gina Fulton, a near neighbour of Miss Conway in Sunderland. Miss Fulton, aged 15, is the younger by one year.

Given an unexpected chance to compete in the European championships in Sarajevo earlier this month, because of Miss Conway's injury and the withdrawal of Fiona Hamilton (runner-up in the British championships), Miss Fulton made a strong impression. In spite of two serious mistakes in the long programme, the judges were otherwise so taken with her technical qualities and flowing style that they placed her 12th in her first international championship.

The British figure skating committee similarly had no hesitation in nominating her for Cincinnati if Miss Conway were unable to compete. Certainly there are few, if any, countries in Europe who have two such promising young prospects.

Speaking of judges, in an article on January 24 I made an error in reference to John Curry's strictures on ice skating judges. Curry had claimed that among their misdemeanours was a tendency to "trade off", or to mark up another nation's skater in one event in exchange for reciprocal favours in another.

I wrote "...I have been assured by one British judge that such malpractice does take place." On further reflection I realize that my memory had played me false on this point and that, although many people close to the sport have expressed to me the view that Curry now articulates; no British judge has done so.

Like Curry, I have less than total confidence in skating judges as a whole but none, at least, has said anything to justify my comment.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hanley is cast in a new role

By Keith Macklin

The mercurial career of Ellery Hanley, the league's leading try scorer this season, took a surprising new twist yesterday when he was named as loose forward in the Wigan team to play Castleford at Central Park on Sunday.

Hanley, the Great Britain player who has spent his career with Bradford Northern and Wigan as a stand off half or centre, has been moved to the forwards, according to Wigan's New Zealand's coach Graham Lowe "to fit in with our team plans".

Wigan currently have an abundance of international talent at their disposal, and Lowe has the problem each week of fitting in every star player on the books. The recent signing of Andy Gregory at scrum half has resulted in the moving to stand off half of Edwards, with Hanley at centre, before this latest positional shift. Lowe added: "We have two fine half backs in Gregory and Edwards, and with Hanley at loose forward we have a skilful international back three who can dovetail and interchange with each other perfectly. I have spoken to Ellery and he is quite happy."

● The Halifax players and brothers, David and John Fairbank, have both been selected in a 22-member squad for the Great Britain amateur league international against France at Roanne on April 11.

SQUAD: M Amor (Cumbria), S Bamber (Warrington), C Bancroft (Widnes), M Bawden (Cumbria), J Brocklebank (Cumbria), S Critcheson (Hull), S Dudley (St Helens), I Ellis (York), J Emson (Warrington), D Fairbank (Halifax), J Fairbank (Halifax), T Lewis (Dewsbury), F Malloy (Widnes), T Manning (Halifax), P Messenger (Cumbria), G Mounsey (Cumbria), D O'Connor (Leeds), M O'Glandy (Cumbria), D Tate (Dewsbury), M Todd (Bradford), V Webb (Warrington), J Winders (St Helens).

All-rounder's milestone

By David Miller

Benjamin Howard Baker, one of the greatest of all-round sportsmen, will celebrate his 95th birthday in Wiltshire today in company with his two sons.

Howard Baker played a record 176 matches for the *Corinthians football team*, kept goal 120 *times for Chelsea and* Everton, and gained three full and 10 amateur international caps. Originally a centre-half, he became a goalkeeper only when an explosion while on mine-sweeping operations during the First World War left him *with a suspect ankle*.

In a remarkable career, he held the British high jump record of 6 ft 5 in for 26 years from 1921 to 1947, and competed in two Olympic Games, 1912 and 1920, in the high jump and pentathlon, taking the high jump silver medal in Antwerp in 1920.

An impressive 6ft 3in tall, he represented Lancashire at water polo and tennis, played doubles at Wimbledon and is a life councillor of the Lawn Tennis Association. He played cricket for *Liverpool CC*.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Third division

Wigan Ath v Blackpool (7.45)

Fourth division

Colchester Utd v Rochdale

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Kent championships (at Walnuts SC, Orpington).

BOWLS: Embassy World indoor championship (at Coatbridge, 1.30 and 8.0).

CROSS-COUNTRY: Inter-Services championships (at Portsmouth).

DARTS: MFI World pairs championship (at The Paddocks, Canvey Island, 6.30).

HOCKEY: Women's National indoor championships (at Crystal Palace NSC, 3.0).

SKIING: British alpine championships (at Courmayeur, Italy).

SNOOKER: Matchroom Welsh professional championship (Newport Centre, 2.0 and 7.0).

TENNIS: LTA Men's indoor satellite circuit (at Telford).

SPORT ON TV

BADMINTON: Carlsberg English national championships. Highlights C4: 5.30pm.

BOWLS: Embassy World indoor championship, Coatbridge. BBC2: 2.15, 6.0 and 11.15pm.

DARTS: MFI World pairs championship, Canvey Island. ITV: 11.30pm.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Gateshead face quality crisis

By Paul Newman

George Smith, who after 12 matches is still looking for his first league victory as manager of Gateshead, has warned that the club will not survive in the GM Vauxhall Conference without new players.

Gateshead, who are bottom of the table, have won only four points since Smith's appointment in October. A series of injuries has not helped their cause and Smith himself had to come out of retirement to play in last week's 3-1 defeat away to Kidderminster Harriers. Smith, aged 41, who made more than 450 League appearances for seven clubs, played as a sweeper before substituting himself with a forward at half-time.

"The injuries were the main reason I played, but I also thought my experience might help," he said. "I've kept fit and although it was my first match for six years I don't think I let anybody down. We weren't doing badly until Casey scored out of the blue with a 30-yard volley. It was the sort of goal you could do nothing about and it changed the course of the match."

Smith is hoping to strengthen his team by signing an experienced former professional within the next few days, but he believes at least five new faces are needed.

"There's just not enough quality or experience in the side," he said. "The present players try hard and give most opponents a run for their money, but they are basically not good enough to get us out of trouble.

"The team should have been strengthened after winning the Multipart League last season, because its a big step up into the Conference. Every week we're playing high-quality teams. Last week Kidderminster had Casey, who has scored more goals this season than the whole of our first team.

"I've already let five players go and I'll have to get rid of more in order to get in the quality and experience we need. I've told the directors that if I'm allowed to get the players I want and we still fail, then I won't expect to keep my job. But if I don't get the players I believe are necessary then I don't see how they can hold me responsible."

Smith does not discount the possibility of selecting himself again, but with the club's injury situation gradually improving, he is unlikely to play at Bath City on Sunday. Paul O'Hagan, a defender, is set to return after a four-month absence with a knee injury and Keith McNall is also likely to be available again.

RUGBY UNION

Welsh must decide who will replace Thorburn as kicker

By Gerald Davies

The Welsh selectors have until the end of the month to decide on the few adjustments needed before they announce the team to play England on March 7. One change will have been forced upon them. Paul Thorburn is out and he was the only place-kicker in the team.

Should they, therefore, bring in a full back or a place-kicker? Should the one necessarily be the other? It has not always been the case. Not so long ago Steve Fenwick, a centre, and Phil Bennett, the stand-off half, carried out these duties whilst the full back, J. P. R. Williams made his immense contribution elsewhere. For France, Berot on the wing, does the place-kicking and not Blanco at full back.

More recently, though, the kicking responsibilities for Wales have rested with the full back. Last year Thorburn kicked 55 points (out of a total of 74), three years ago it was Howell Davies, of Bridgend, who kicked 35 out of 57 points. And, in between, Mark Wyatt and Thorburn shared the duties in 1985, registering 39 points between them out of a possible 61. It is, then, a major contribution.

In that year, against Ireland in Cardiff, Wyatt missed six penalty attempts and whilst it may not have cost Wales the game it certainly cost the full back his position.

As a place-kicking full back Wyatt might be thought to be the front runner but he has not played since Swansea's third round cup tie against Maesteg a fortnight ago and is not due to play again until a week tomorrow. He may not have Thorburn's length of kick, such as the ones he succeeded with on Saturday, but the Swansea man might have got the earlier, easier ones Thorburn missed.

However the selectors might wish to consider this position in relation to the change which they must make at centre threequarter, where the Welsh team looked less than agile in their running.

Mark Ring must be brought into the reckoning as must Malcolm Dacey or a possible move of Ieuan Evans from the wing. But the man who could make the difference is Bleddyn Bowen.

Capped 10 times already by Wales he returned in mid week to play his first full game this season for the South Wales Police against Cross Keys. After undergoing a knee operation on damaged ligaments last year this was only his second outing of the season, his first, a couple of weeks ago, ended when he failed to finish the game.

Apart from the general high standard of his play in that position, he is also a place-kicker. If he were to return then the option is open to include Dacey at full back. The Swansea player gives the impression that he might not be happy there but this is not confirmed by the way he plays. He did well on Saturday when he came on as replacement and reports which came back from the South Pacific in the summer, said much the same.

It would give another dimension to the Welsh game and bring the potential danger of the wingers more often into play than is currently the case. It also might go some way to improve on the number of tries Wales have scored in the last three years – they have averaged just a fraction over one a game.

Nottingham join Midlands élite

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

It is a tribute to Nottingham rugby club's standing in the game that when the draw for the fourth round of the John Player Special Cup (*to be played tomorrow*) paired them with Wasps, it was, by common consent among neutral observers, the outstanding tie of the round. It is a tribute, too, to the effort which has brought them from beneath the long *Midland shadows cast by Coventry and Leicester*.

"This club has worked hard over the last 25 years to get where we are," Ian Smellie, the former Nottingham secretary, told the annual dinner on Wednesday night. "We have a privileged position in the game today." A position, indeed, among the *top half-dozen clubs and it was a delightful co*incidence that, on the same day as the dinner, England should have announced two match squads including six Nottingham players, whereas Leicester and Coventry had one apiece.

The Notts club (the name was changed in the early 1970s) was founded 110 years ago, but in 1970 was still playing sides like Old Alleynians, Old Merchant Taylors, Esher and Percy Park, famous names in English rugby but no longer in the mainstream. "Now we have what I would regard as a much more balanced list," says Jeffrey Addison, their fixture secretary for 19 years.

It *includes seven Welsh clubs, among them Cardiff and New*port, and Addison is keen to maintain a consistent relationship with clubs in Wales's top bracket. But improved fixtures would have been of little use without the parallel improvement of playing standards (much assisted by *the coaching over nine years of Alan Davies, now* England's B team coach) and facilities.

In the latter respect a healthy relationship with the Home Brewery (now taken over by Scottish and Newcastle) assisted Nottingham to build, in the middle seventies, a new clubhouse which includes three squash courts, and to drain their main pitch at Beeston.

Under a five-year development plan the lights and training area are to be improved and, *Addison hopes, under-21 rugby* can be encouraged. He is not alone in thinking that this is one of the emerging areas, an attractive prospect for young players making their way into the senior game.

"We still have to overcome certain hurdles which can't be put down to lack of experience or *exposure," Addison said. It is, perhaps, evidence of a certain* 'bridesmaid-ish' quality about Nottingham which needs to be expunged; so many years of playing against Leicester and Coventry, and failing to win away from home; providing the Notts, Lincs and Derby team *which were runners-up in the 1985 county championship; run*ners-up for two successive seasons in the Middlesex sevens; quarter or semi-finalists in the John Player Cup in four of the last six years, but never reaching the final.

Certainly the players have emerged capable of maintaining the club's standards and, after the disappointment of going out to *the eventual finalists, Wasps, as the home side in* a 13-13 fourth-round draw last year, they will be in no mood to be second best again tomorrow.

Moreover they will go into the match at Sudbury with a quite outstanding record behind them: 713 points for and a mere 149 against from their 22 wins, one draw and two *defeats. One hesitates to say that the defeats* came against Leicester and Coventry.

But Wasps should bear in mind that among guest speakers at the Nottingham dinner was the Reverend Bryan Barrodale from nearby Cotgrave. Not too many clubs include priests on their top table; maybe Nottingham have friends in high places.

Two clubs argue over Oti

The England coach Micky Weston has stepped into the dispute between Nottingham and Cambridge University as to which team England B winger Chris Oti will play for at the weekend.

Weston will be approaching Cambridge coach, Tony Rogers, because he feels Oti will reap more benefits from playing in the John Player Special Cup fourth round game against Wasps at Sudbury rather than appearing in the university's fixture against Fylde.

Cambridge are reluctant to release Oti, named in the England B squad yesterday, during term time. But Nottingham believe that Weston's involvement in the matter will sway the issue in their favour.

The Nottingham secretary, John Drapkin said: "I still believe we will have Chris playing for us on Saturday, but at the moment we are in limbo and will have to wait until tomorrow before we know for sure."

Students in a conflict of interests

By David Hands

The selection of Jon Webb and Will Carling for England's B team against France on February 20 means that both players will have to withdraw from the English Universities team to play Scottish Universities at Richmond the same day.

Webb will be at full back and Carling in the centre, roles they will adopt for their respective universities (Bristol and Durham) when they meet in the final of the UAU championship at Twickenham on March 4.

Bristol also have an interest in the final of the British Polytechnics Cup on March 11, when they will play Leeds.

THE REST (Student trial, Cambridge, February 25): A Buzza (Loughborough); R Vessey (Oxford), W Carling (Durham), F Clough (Cambridge, captain), C Oti (Cambridge); A Johnson (Oxford), S Roberts (Oxford); N Herrod (Cambridge), M Humphreys-Evans (Nottingham), A Hayes (Sheffield Polytechnic), N McBain (Oxford), T Swan (Liverpool), D Thresher (Oxford), S Holmes (East Anglia), T Withyman (Cambridge). Reserves to travel: D Holdstock (Thames Polytechnic), J Rasman (Oxford), R Rydon (Oxford), D Kennell (Bradford), M Sutton (Loughborough), D Choles (Leeds Polytechnic), A Roda (South Glamorgan Institute), G Mann (London), S Kelly (Cambridge), S Swales (Bristol), M Read (Loughborough), A Bick (St Paul's/St Mary's, Cheltenham), C Sheasby (London), D Nunn (Leicester Polytechnic), S Shortland (Leeds Polytechnic).

BRITISH POLYTECHNICS: G Hughes (Thames); A Gratwicke (Kingston), P Reed (Sheffield), M Birkett (South Bank), D Holdstock (Thames); R Kuhn (Kingston), C Jacob (Wales); D Nunn (Leicester), J McFarland (Sheffield), A Hayes (Sheffield), O Harries (Bristol), T Shaw (Wales), J Antoniazzi (Portsmouth), C Mantel (Thames), P Collings (Wales).

Winning finale ensures 18-game unbeaten run

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Nottingham High School ended their season as they commenced it, in a blaze of glory. On Wednesday they went to Mount St Mary's and won 22-0, though there was precious little in it at the interval, when they led 7-0. Mount played splendidly until Nottingham got on top in the second half, enjoying clear territorial advantage in the first.

Nottingham opened their scoring with a penalty goal by Jason Parker, and excellent handling brought a fine try for Robert Atkinson; in the second half, tries by Robert Brierley, Mark Saxelby – from a push-over – and Miles Astbury-Crimes, plus a second penalty by Parker earned Nottingham the superb record of 18 wins from as many matches, and 490 points scored to 117 conceded.

Llandovery's home meeting with St Benedict's, Ealing, ended in a 16-0 victory for the Welsh school, although the losers provided one of the game's most impressive players in their No. 8, James Murphy-O'Connor. Llandovery's outstanding performances came from their hooker, Ioan Evans, who scored their first try – converted by Sean Williams – and Eamon O'Sullivan, their inside centre. David Evans and Iwan Hughes scored their other tries.

Bradford GS have still not been toppled. They beat Silcoates, 20-4, and, meeting sterner opposition, were relieved to win 13-9 against Birkenhead through tries from Marcus Adjei and Tim Harrison. Jon Mitchell contributed a conversion and penalty goal. Bradford's latest success was a 45-0 win against King's, Macclesfield.

The difference between victory and defeat can be agonisingly close, as Pocklington discovered when they met Nottingham HS and lost by a penalty goal, kicked by Parker, after five minutes. It was the eighth game that Pocklington have lost by a single score.

RGS High Wycombe, playing their 'royal neighbours, RGS Guildford for the first time, suffered their second defeat of the season. They were level at 12-12 in the final minute, when a try under the posts and conversion earned RGS Guildford an 18-12 victory.

Eltham have managed to play three matches this term, beating Haberdashers' Aske's comfortably, losing narrowly to Campion (18-17) and defeating St Olave's (20-4).

Kirk's mission

Wellington (Reuter) – The former All Black captain, David Kirk, will lead a 22 New Zealand Barbarians squad of 22, which includes 12 international players, on their tour of Britain and Ireland beginning on March 18. The five-match tour gives the All Black selectors an opportunity to evaluate younger players ahead of the inaugural World Cup in May and June.

SQUAD: G Cooper, D Halligan, J Kirwan, C Green, J Stanley, B McCahill, J Schuster, S Bachop, D Kirk (captain), A Crowley, M Jones, M Brewer, A Whetton, D Williams, G Whetton, M Weedon, B Anderson, S McDowell, B McGrattan, W Bunn, S Fitzpatrick, J Buchan.

BASKETBALL

Home talent flourishes

By Nicholas Harling

English basketball has been dominated by American players and coaches over the years, but the team which now stands on the threshold of capturing the Carlsberg National League championship is a predominantly English team, coached by an Englishman, albeit one with an American background.

Dan Lloyd, the former England captain, who was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, though his father is English, is only three matches away from winning the first division after his team's startling 106-88 victory against Polycell Kingston at Tolworth on Wednesday night.

Their remaining programme is tricky but not impossible. Two away matches at Birmingham Heartbeat '86 tomorrow and Alphaprint Royals next Wednesday, are followed by the home fixture against the champions, Sharp Manchester United a week today. "We can't take anyone for granted, let alone Manchester United," Lloyd said, "but it's important that we keep going now that we've got it within our grasp."

At the age of 32, Lloyd's appointment last summer after the departure of Danny Palmer raised a few eyebrows but he quickly established respect among his squad, which was soon bolstered by two England internationals, Mike Spaid and Karl Tatham.

"A lot of people are taking some convincing that we are an English team but there are a lot of English-born and English-raised players," Lloyd said. The fact that neither of Portmouth's Americans, Danny Williams and Lawrence Held, makes the current starting five supports his argument. "They accept their role and do their job whether they're on for 10, 25 or 35 minutes," he said. "They do what it takes for us to win."

CRICKET

Azharuddin reaffirms his maturity and hunger with fine 141

From Richard Streeton, Calcutta

A moribund pitch, heavily weighted against bowlers, looks to have made virtually certain, after only two days, that the second Test match here between India and Pakistan will be left drawn. A fine 141 by Azharuddin enabled India to reach 403 yesterday and Pakistan lost Shoaib Mohammad before the end, when they were 57 for one.

There is no reason to think that Pakistan's strong batting will fail, after today's rest day, on a wicket which already seems to be getting easier and easier.

The futility of trying to achieve a definite result may have had a hand in Pakistan's lethargic over rate. They averaged a dreadful 12 overs an hour as they took India's last five wickets. Only 69 overs were bowled during the five-and-a-half-hour day.

Just under 95 minutes were left when Pakistan started their innings and Shoaib and Ramiz Raja drove and glanced Kapil Dev freely. He hardly bowled a ball on the stumps. Binny's line was better but the scoring only slowed when Shastri and Maninder Singh bowled.

Shoaib was out just before the close. He moved out against Shastri and played the ball to silly point. Arun Lal was able to throw down the wicket before Shoaib could regain his ground.

Azharuddin, who was 51 when India resumed at 225 for five, batted with poise and purpose as he completed India's recovery after their early set-backs. Innumerable drives, both square and past mid-off, were his best strokes as he shared three-figure stands with Kapil and Binny for the sixth and seventh wickets.

It was never going to be easy for Azharuddin to live up to the start he made against England in 1984-85 when he notched centuries in his first three Test matches. He played 12 more after this without a decent score until he made 199 against Sri Lanka in December before missing the rest of the series through injury. Now he has reaffirmed his maturity and appetite for runs.

Scoreboard

INDIA: First innings

K Srikkanth c Malik b Akram	22
Arun Lal c Tauseef Ahmed b Jaffar	52
M Amarnath run out	9
D B Vengsarkar c Yousuf b Akram	38
M Azharuddin b Akram	141
R J Shastri b Qadir	5
Kapil Dev c Miandad b Jaffar	66
R M H Binny not out	52
K More run out	0
R Kulkarni lbw b Akram	0
M Singh b Akram	3
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 1, nb 5)	15
Total	403

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-73, 3-104, 4-144, 5-149, 6-292, 7-393, 8-393, 9-395.

BOWLING: Imran Khan 27-2-93-0; Wasim Akram 30.5-5-96-5; Jaffar 36-2-115-2; Tauseef Ahmed 10-1-39-0; Qadir 14-3-51-1.

PAKISTAN: First innings

Shoaib Mohammad run out	24
Rameez Raja not out	25
Rizwan-uz-Zaman not out	0
Extras (b 4, nb 3, w 1)	8
Total (1 wkt)	57

Javed Miandad, Saleem Malik, Imran Khan, Abdul Qadir, Wasim Akram, Saleem Yousuf, Tauseef Ahmed and Saleem Jaffer to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-57.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 8-1-36-0; Binny 5-1-11-0; Shastri 7-5-2-0; Maninder Singh 4-2-4-0.

Azharuddin and Kapil started with unexpected freedom and Pakistan, who within 10 minutes had a new ball, conceded 67 runs in even time before Kapil was out. Kapil's batting has acquired new authority since his bowling fell away and his Test career has some way to go yet, even if it is primarily as a batsman who bowls.

Kapil played some handsome drives and cuts before Miandad at backward point clung to a good catch, low and to his right. The sixth-wicket pair had added 143 in three hours, which was a record for India against Pakistan.

India were by no means out of the wood but the depth in their batting was emphasized by Binny's arrival at No. 8. Binny opens for his state and Pakistan received little encouragement either from him or the tame pitch. Saleem Jaffer looked the best of the quicker bowlers, who did most of the work, and more than once even had Azharuddin playing and missing outside the off stump.

Two elegant drives through the covers against Jaffer, though, took Azharuddin to 96 before a square cut against Imran brought him his fifth century in 18 Tests. He had been in 55 overs and his only error was a snick at 82 between the wicketkeeper and first slip against Wasim Akram. By lunch India were 330 for six and Pakistan had managed only 22 overs in the morning's two-hour session.

Afterwards the pattern remained unchanged for 90 minutes before Azharuddin played on against Akram and the innings raced to a rapid conclusion. Azharuddin batted all told for six hours 40 minutes, hitting one five and 11 fours. He and Binny put on 101 in 29 overs for the seventh wicket.

More was run out from his first ball, which he pushed to Shoaib in the covers. There was a lot of starting and stopping as Shoaib's good return went to the bowler's end and more sacrificed his wicket.

Binny had little chance to benefit, though, as Akram rapidly dismissed Kulkarni and Maninder Singh, to finish with five for 96. Binny was left high and dry after almost three hours.

Fielding lapses prove costly

From a Special Correspondent, Kandy

An unbeaten century by Chaminda Unantenne, indifferent catching by England and the loss of Martin Bicknell all contributed towards the second four-day Young Cricketers international match against Sri Lanka ending in a draw at the Asgiriya Stadium here yesterday.

Sri Lanka, following on 191 runs behind, finished the day at 261 for six when stumps were drawn at the completion of 11 mandatory overs.

England, who let off Unantenne, a local boy, when he had scored 42 and 70, paid dearly for those lapses when he went on to play a match-saving innings of 109 not out. He batted for 265 minutes and hit 15 fours, most of them off his legs.

The first miss proved the turning point of the match. Sri Lanka were struggling at 154 for five when Unantenne drove the England captain, Michael Atherton, hard and low to Lloyd Tennant, who dropped an easy chance at mid-on. He was also reprieved at 70, when Ramprakash failed to hold a catch at third slip.

Rohan Weerakkody was also missed when he had made 12 by the wicketkeeper, Warren Hegg, and these lapses enabled the two batsmen to strike up a crucial partnership of 93 runs for the sixth wicket.

Harvey Trump and Atherton bowled the majority of overs — 60 of the 90 — but they were clearly no great spinners of the ball and failed to exploit the turning pitch.

The loss of their most penetrative bowler, Bicknell, also went against England. He sent down only three overs before retiring to the pavilion, complaining of exhaustion.

The series remains all square after two draws with the two teams meeting again in the southern city of Galle for the decisive third and final four day match on February 18.

ENGLAND YOUNG CRICKETERS: First Innings 451 for 7 dec.

SRI LANKA YOUNG CRICKETERS: First Innings 260.

Second Innings

R Rajapakse c Alleyne b Tennant	16
A Allirajah b Atherton	53
D Nadarajah c Hussein b Trump	20
C Unantenne not out	109
Chaminda Mendis lbw b Atherton	11
†N Fernando c Hegg b Fraser	0
R N Weerakkody st Hegg b Atherton	26
C R Thenewara not out	5
Extras (b 4, lb 5, nb 4, w 8)	21
Total (for 6 wkts, 95 overs)	261

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-90, 3-110, 4-147, 5-154, 6-247.

BOWLING: Bicknell 4-2-4-0; Fraser 17-1-62-1; Tennant 10-3-40-1; Alleyne 3-1-5-0; Trump 31-5-73-1; Atherton 29-9-64-3; Hussein 1-0-4-0.

Umpires: W A U Cooray and W W U Wickramasinghe.

Haysman a hit for 'rebels'

From Ivo Tennant, Pretoria

In a finish as thrilling as the one at St George's Park last Saturday, the unofficial Australian team beat South Africa with seven balls to spare here yesterday.

Michael Haysman decided the match in grand style by hitting a six over square leg to leave the Australians needing victory at the fourth and final match, at Johannesburg tomorrow, to square this limited-overs series. South Africa lead 2-1.

The Australians restricted South Africa to 237 for nine from their 50 overs, but, despite a sound start, left themselves with much to do. When Hughes came in at 122 for two, the asking rate was six an over. As at St George's Park, he brought it down through scampering runs off virtually every ball.

The difference was that this time the Australians did not collapse, although when Taylor was run out in the 45th over, it seemed they would. Going for a sharp single, Taylor was knocked flying by Page in his follow-through. Pollock threw down the stumps. A captain such as Colin Cowdrey would most likely have recalled him, but these are mercenary times.

South Africa, put in on an overcast morning, lost their first six wickets for 98. The conditions on this, the most modern of their grounds — it was built in just eight months last year — helped Alderman in particular, and he beat Cook with an away-swinger and bowled his 10 overs straight through for 34 runs.

Hogg, McCurdy and Faulkner also each took a wicket before lunch, but surprisingly it was Wessels, there to make up the numbers as far as bowling was concerned, who inflicted the most damage.

Pollock, who was not at his best, swung Wessels' fourth ball, bowled at military medium, to square leg, where Faulkner judged the catch well; then Rice played a similar shot and was held at long leg.

Richardson and le Roux opted to treat Wessels more circumspectly. Having played themselves in, which they were well able to do against his bowling, they set about the rest of the attack to the extent of scoring 87 in 58 minutes. Le Roux made a half-century off 57 balls and Richardson one off 51 balls — but in vain, it proved.

SOUTH AFRICA

S J Cook c Rixon b Alderman	3
R F Pienaar c Rixon b Hogg	9
P N Kirsten c Rixon b McCurdy	27
R G Pollock c Faulkner b Wessels	32
K B S McEwan c Rixon b Faulkner	17
*C E B Rice c McCurdy b Wessels	7
†D J Richardson c Haysman b McCurdy	54
G S le Roux b McCurdy	58
H A Page b McCurdy	5
C J van Zyl not out	13
A A Donald not out	2
Extras (b 1, l-b 5, n-b 1, w 3)	10
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	237

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-20, 3-61, 4-84, 5-94, 6-98, 7-185, 8-196, 9-230.

BOWLING: Hogg 10-1-36-1; Alderman 10-0-34-1; McCurdy 10-0-61-4; Faulkner 10-0-48-1; Wessels 7-1-32-2; Smith 3-0-20-0.

AUSTRALIAN XI

S B Smith c Richardson b Page	37
J Dyson c Kirsten b Rice	41
K C Wessels c van Zyl b le Roux	43
*K J Hughes c Richardson b le Roux	44
M D Taylor run out	29
M D Haysman not out	21
P I Faulkner not out	5
Extras (l-b 9, n-b 5, w 4)	18
Total (5 wkts, 48.5 overs)	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-122, 3-148, 4-204, 5-217.

†S J Rixon, R J McCurdy, R M Hogg and T M Alderman did not bat.

BOWLING: le Roux 9.5-1-46-2; van Zyl 10-0-48-0; Donald 10-1-47-0; Page 10-1-51-1; Rice 9-0-37-1.

GOLF

Drunk player banned for three months

A leading Midland amateur player has been suspended for three months by his club, Droitwich, after being found drunk on the ninth fairway following an office Christmas party.

David Eddiford, the Worcestershire champion, is unable to enter any competitions until April 28. A one-handicap golfer who plays the full amateur circuit, he is ruled out of several major events, including the English stroke-play championship and the Lytham Trophy.

Now, Eddiford, aged 22, is trying to raise support for an extraordinary general meeting of his club to get the ban reduced. "I expected some action, perhaps a month's suspension at most, but I regard this punishment as extremely harsh," Eddiford said.

"I wanted to have a good crack at the major tournaments this year and, if I did well, would consider turning professional". Eddiford has won all his county's titles over the past five years.

SPORT IN BRIEF

On their bikes

Two national cycling champions are leaving Britain to live in the United States. Gary Coltman, of Leicester, the British kilometre title holder, and his fiancée, Theresa Dark, of Nottingham, the women's pursuit champion, are to set up home in North Carolina, but both hope to represent their country in future world championships and the Olympic Games.

Graf for Seoul

Frankfurt (AP) — Steffi Graf, of West Germany, the world's third-ranked woman tennis player, plans to take part in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, where top tennis professionals will be allowed to compete. Miss Graf played at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, where tennis was a demonstration sport.

Title chance

The Nick Wilshire-Lloyd Hibbert commonwealth light-middleweight boxing match at the Royal Albert Hall on March 11 will be for the vacant British championship. The winner will face either Gary Cooper or Mick Courtney, who meet in a final eliminator on the same bill.

Prenn through

John Prenn, the world champion, and Charles Hue Williams advanced to tomorrow's semi-finals of the Celestion amateur rackets championship with a 15-6, 13-18, 15-2, 15-6, 15-1, win over Jonathan Spurling and Christopher Worlidge at Queen's Club. William Boone and Randall Crawley eliminated Peter Seabrook and Robert Sutton 15-7, 15-3, 15-3, 15-4.

Just the ticket

Leicester City Riders, Great Britain's best supported basketball club, are to be sponsored for a second season by the local council and bus company in a deal worth £60,000.

Historic game

Vince Cannon, the second row forward, makes his 400th appearance for Northampton in tomorrow's rearranged fixture at Newport — only the fifth player in the club's 106-year history to reach the milestone.

Needham shift

Salford have signed David Needham, a stand-off half, from the amateur club, Oldham St Anne's, after trials in the reserve team.

Golden Swede: Thomas Wassberg winning the first race, the 30 kilometres classical, by nearly two minutes at the world Nordic skiing championships at Oberstdorf, West Germany, yesterday. His compatriot, Gunde Svan, the favourite, finished seventh.

TENNIS

Bale pays for his lack of control

Stuart Bale ran into double trouble yesterday in the LTA men's satellite indoor tournament at Telford. Bale was beaten by Freddie Sauer, of The Netherlands, 6-1, 6-2, in a semi-final match that lasted only 52 minutes and was also fined £20 for throwing his racket twice in the fifth game of the second set.

After his lack-lustre performance, Bale, the left-hander from London, said: "I was embarrassed out there. Sauer was hitting winners off my best serves and made me look stupid. Throwing my racket was an accumulation of my frustration."

Bale, aged 23, playing in his second successive satellite semi-final having fallen to Magnus Gustavsson, of Sweden, at the Queen's Club last week, served well enough early in the first set but still lost the opening five games.

Apart from the event at Queen's, Bale was involved in the opening matches in the new Mortgage Corporation national league for Heston at the weekend. He said: "Mentally I wasn't alert. I've played a lot of matches in the last two weeks."

Sauer, aged 25, now meets Peter Fleming, the 32-year-old American, who partnered John McEnroe to four Wimbledon doubles titles, in today's final. Fleming, who won the Queen's Club tournament last week, beat the French qualifier, Philippe Pech, 7-6, 6-1, in the other semi-final.

SINGLES: Semi-finals: P Fleming (US) bt P Pech (Fr), 7-6, 6-1; F Sauer (Neth) bt S Bale (GB), 6-1, 6-2.

DOUBLES: Semi-finals: P Svensson and L Wahlgren (Swe) bt O Delaitre and Pech (Fr), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; C Allgardh (Swe) and M Christensen (Den) bt D Felgate (GB) and M Woodforde (Aus), 5-7, 6-4, 7-6.

Beaten Croft displays signs for optimism

From Barry Wood, Oklahoma

Annabel Croft showed signs of better things to come, even though she lost 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, to Elizabeth Minter, of Australia, in the second round of the Virginia Slims women's tournament here yesterday.

Miss Croft, who has slumped to 94 on the computer rankings — below Joe Durie, Sara Gomer and Anne Hobbs — has taken a lengthy break from the circuit to reassess her attitude and to work on improving her game away from the competitive environment of tournaments. There are indications she has done the right thing.

Against Miss Minter she was fleet of foot, positive and confident in her approaches and she looked trim, eager and refreshed. It is possible that her lumbering days are over. "I feel I'm playing a lot better than I was last year, and I'm more optimistic now," said Miss Croft with some justification.

It would be easy to dismiss the match as merely another good first-set performance followed by an inevitable collapse, but the signs point in another direction.

She was doing all the right things, and so was Miss Minter, and that generated a highly competitive match appreciated by the spectators. But Miss Croft let her concentration slip in the second set and Miss Minter took advantage of her opportunities.

RESULTS: Singles: First round (US unless stated): L McNeil bt A Dechaume (Fr), 6-2, 6-3. Second round: Hu Na bt S Parkhomenko (USSR), 7-5, 6-7, 6-0; E Minter (Aus) bt A Croft (GB), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

• San Francisco (AP) — The top seed, Hana Mandlikova, lost only nine points on her serve and took less than an hour to beat the South African Elna Reinach, 6-3, 6-2, on Wednesday night in the $150,000 Virginia Slims of California tournament.

CYCLO-CROSS

Douce faces a struggle over his title

There is little doubt that, on paper, Steve Douce starts as favourite to retain the British Open Cyclo-Cross championship at Sutton Park, Birmingham, on Sunday.

Douce, aged 23, a professional rider from Caterham, Surrey, has won the sudden-death Open title for the past two seasons, and three times in all, and has this winter also finished the overall winner of the National Trophy series, for the third consecutive year.

Having said that, everything points to a far closer race than seemed likely at the start of the current season of cycling's winter sport — which is, essentially, cross-country on two wheels, or two legs with the lightweight machine slung over one shoulder when the going gets tough.

However, David Baker, the Yorkshire rider who has consistently been the leading amateur in major home events, has already scored two victories over Douce and narrowly failed to beat his professional rival in the three-race Trophy series.

Douce and Baker are both former national junior champions, and there is every indication that Baker is overcoming the two-year age difference.

Chris Young, who broke Douce's sequence in 1984, does not seem to have quite the form he needs despite having spent most of this season racing in Switzerland, but he is again a medal contender.

FOOTBALL

Norwich admit mistake over alcohol advertisement

By a Special Correspondent

Norwich City last night admitted they had "made a mistake" following a complaint by the Action on Alcohol Abuse organisation. The first division club, who are sponsored by Fosters, are to hold a tournament in April for children aged between 10 and 16 and inadvertently issued advertising posters showing a young boy wearing a first-team shirt, with the Australian lager firm's logo prominent.

The poster was drawn to the attention of Mr Don Steele, a director of the organisation, who immediately wrote to Mr Robert Chase, the club chairman, expressing his grave concern over the matter. "Anything that encourages youth drinking is highly irresponsible and must be worthy of the strongest opposition" said Mr Steele.

"We are not anti-alcohol," he explained "but our organisation is concerned with safe, sensible drinking and public health." Children today are not being given enough information or education on what is a more potent drug in our society than heroin or cocaine.

"The British Code of Advertising Practice clearly states that there should be no connection between youth, alcohol and achievement.

"For this kind of thing to slip in — yet another promotion of alcohol — is something that in our view we must do something about."

Fortunately Mr Chase, himself a member of his regional health authority, was sympathetic to Mr Steele's views. "Within minutes of receiving Mr Steele's letter, the poster was withdrawn," he said.

"This was an unfortunate error that we have now put right. The kids were due to be wearing shirts bearing the tournament name, the Canary Cup, from the outset. The poster was a simple administrative mistake.

"We would like to point out that Norwich City received no financial benefit from the original poster and we would like to thank our friends for drawing our attention to it."

Although sponsored by Fosters, the club's youth team, junior sides, and match-day ball boys do not wear kits bearing the company's name.

'Football Aid' plan runs into problems

By Clive White

The idea of a 'Football for Africa' charity match, proposed by Steve Archibald, the former Tottenham Hotspur player, did not meet with too much encouragement from the Football Association when he visited Lancaster Gate yesterday morning to seek approval for staging the game at Wembley this April.

Archibald, on a visit to London from Barcelona, where he now plays, has received favourable replies from many of the world's leading players whom he has asked to play in the match, including Maradona, Landrup and Lineker. Archibald also hoped that Pelé and Best might play.

Ted Croker, the FA secretary, said of the game, which is being organized by a company in Spain: "It does seem they are talking to all the wrong people first. They have approached the players themselves, who are under contract to clubs. It's the clubs who have to be approached first.

"Obviously we have a lot of sympathy towards it, but we also have strict regulations for charity matches, including one which states that only 20 per cent of receipts will be allowed for expenses, and that could be a bit restrictive.

"The FA have raised over £2 million from the FA Charity Shield, and a lot of that has gone to aid in Africa."

Croker added: "The FA and the Football League will have to give their approval, which will then have to be submitted to FIFA. All this takes time. There are two international weeks in April, European Cup matches and our own FA Cup Final — the month is absolutely loaded with fixtures."

In August the Football League will stage their own multi-star international match, in celebration of their centenary season, between a League XI and a Rest of the World side, managed by Terry Venables, who is Archibald's club manager.

Lloyd given contract

Brighton's new manager, Barry Lloyd, who took over from the dismissed Alan Mullery last month, has been given a three year-contract though the team have yet to win in four games under his leadership. Lloyd, aged 37, Brighton's seventh manager in 14 years, joined the club last may as Mullery's assistant.

Mullery never received a contract, but the board decided yesterday to offer one to Lloyd, who said: "The show of faith doesn't go amiss as far as I'm concerned and I'm looking forward now to really getting my teeth into the job."

● Brian Clough loaned players to two promotion-seeking clubs yesterday. The Nottingham Forest manager sent David Campbell to Notts County for a month and then loaned his Dutch goalkeeper, Hans Segers, to Stoke City for tomorrow's match at West Bromwich Albion because Stoke's regular goalkeeper, Peter Fox has pulled a muscle.

Wilkinson is turned down twice

Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, was left with a selection headache yesterday after his second transfer failure in 24 hours.

After the attempt to sign the Barnsley centre back, Larry May, was halted by the Barnsley board, Wilkinson was confident he could purchase the Rangers forward, Colin West and slip him straight into the team to face Arsenal tomorrow.

West, however, who was Graeme Souness's first signing, turned down personal terms after the clubs agreed on a £200,000 deal. He would have replaced the suspended Lee Chapman as Wednesday seek to revive their flagging fortunes. Now, Wilkinson is likely to replace Chapman with David Hirst, to line up alongside Carl Bradshaw and Brian Marwood.

Wilkinson's interest in May was a consequence of Ian Knight's broken leg in the FA Cup tie with Chester.

● With both Colin Morris and Steve Wigley out of action, Sheffield United will have a weakened side for the trip to Millwall, whose new £95,000 signing, Terry Hurlock, from Reading, will probably make his debut. He is set to take over from captain Les Briley, who was carried off last week at Barnsley.

Noel Brotherston, Blackburn Rovers' Northern Ireland international, has had to go into hospital for a minor operation after being injured in Wednesday night's Central League game against Middlesbrough. He will be out of action for about a fortnight.

MOTOR RALLYING

Swedish event rejoices in snow and ice

By David Duffield

A fairly heavy snowfall and temperatures dropping to below -5°C may not be good news for the average motorist but for the organizers and competitors in this year's Swedish Rally conditions have at last returned to normal. Despite the drop in temperature the sixteenth stage of the two-day rally has been cancelled. This was due to take place on Lake Vassjön. No ice, no stage.

Stage one today includes part of a downhill ski track at the Sunne Skicentre, which will be used for the Swedish downhill skiing championship next week.

The Swedish Rally has a reputation for snow and ice and it has been dominated by Scandinavians. Juha Kankkunen, the world champion, is driving for Lancia and will be out to prove a point after his demotion on team orders to second place in the Monte Carlo Rally.

Recalled to the Lancia ranks and driving their group A Lancia Delta HF4WD for the first time in competition will be Markku Alen, who chased Kankkunen hard last year for the world drivers' championship.

BOXING

Marsh plays clown of the circus ring

Terry Marsh has resumed sparring for his world light-welterweight title bout at Basildon on March 4 after the eye injury he received in his last contest at Croydon in January. He has nearly three weeks to prepare for his contest with Joe Manley, the International Boxing Federation world champion, and he has no doubt that he will be ready.

He even found time yesterday to dress up as a clown for the photographers to draw attention to the fact that his championship will be staged in a specially erected circus tent in his home town, where it is hoped as many as 5,000 spectators will be attracted. "But I promise there will be no clowning about on the night," he said.

If he wins the title he will probably be the only world champion with a full-time job. Marsh is a fireman first and a fighter second. His photographic activities yesterday were sandwiched between two night turns at Tilbury fire station, which included a 2.0 a.m. call-out on Thursday morning, but he will take two weeks' leave for the final tuning-up before the contest. He is also saving two weeks for his first title defence.

"Win the title, defend it once and then out. That would be the idea in a perfect world, but I can't guarantee that I would not be tempted to stay a bit longer by a big enough offer," he said.

"I am already well past the retirement date I set myself. In the first place I gave it three years to see how it went but other circumstances cropped up — like an unbeaten record, then a British title, then a European title and the chance of a world title fight. So I had to see it through. It's a bit like swimming the Channel. It's no use getting half-way and then turning back."

Pat Cowdell, the former world featherweight title contender, has been dealt a double disappointment by the British Boxing Board of Control. They have decided not to give Cowdell an immediate re-match with the super-featherweight champion, Najib Daho, of Manchester, and have not upheld his application for a promoter's licence.

Daho stopped Cowdell inside a round last May. The ring was invaded by the champion's supporters, causing a controversial ending to the affair. The board have given Daho permission to defend against Les Walsh, the Central Area champion.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: BCP London 88 (Roberts 24), Bracknell Pirates 99 (Rivers 36); Team Polycell Kingston 88 (Bontrager 23, Clark 19, McNish 17), HFS Portsmouth 106 (Irish 34, Cunningham 18); Leicester Riders 94 (Vaughan 36), Derby Rams 100 (Cole 31).

BPSA CUP: Semi-finals: Teesside Polytechnic 79, South Bank Polytechnic 64; Newcastle Polytechnic 78, Hatfield Polytechnic 54.

GOLF

JOHANNESBURG: Sunshine Circuit tournament: First round scores: (South African unless stated): 65: M McNulty; 66: M Green; 67: G Levenson, M White (US); 68: L Damelian (US), A Chandler (GB), R McCann, I Palmer, C Williams; 69: F Allem, I Mosey (GB), C Ross (GB), W Humphreys (GB).

BANGKOK: Thailand women's open: Leading scores: 70: B New (GB); Chien Ping Lan (Taiwan). 71: F Nagata (Japan); L Neumann (Swe). 72: M Ishikawa (Japan). 73: K Espinosa (Fr); T Nontake (Japan); K Yamaguchi (Japan); M Jones (US).

FOOTBALL

Wednesday

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Hibernian 0, Hamilton 0.

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Stenhousemuir 0, Ayr 4.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group Two: Italy 2, Portugal 1.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Fourth round: Yeovil 6, Farnborough 3

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Postponed: Rhyl v Morecambe.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1, Leeds 4. Blackburn 0, Middlesbrough 1; Hull 1, Manchester United 3; Sheffield United 1, Coventry City 0. Second division: Blackpool 3, Port Vale 0. Huddersfield 0, West Bromwich Albion 1; Scunthorpe 1, York 0; Stoke 1, Darlington 0 Rotherham 3, Wigan 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Third round: Hastings 1, Tonbridge 1.

SPANISH CUP: Fourth round, second leg: Osasuna Pamplona 0, Barcelona 1 (Agg: 1-1; Osasuna won on penalties); Real Madrid 6, Cadiz 1 (Agg: 6-1); Real Madrid Juniors 1, Atletico Madrid 3 (Agg: 4-1); Athletic Bilbao 4, Langreo 1 (Agg 5-1); Logrones 3, Real Betis 1 (Agg 3-1), Real Sociedad 2, Eibar 0 (Agg 4-0); Eldense 1, Atletico Majorca 0 (Agg: 3-2); Real Majorca 2, Real Zaragoza 0 (Agg: 2-1).

Yesterday

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton 2, Queen's Park Rangers 3.

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bloxham 2, Solihull 4; Caterham 0, St George's, Weybridge 3, Ryde 2, Churcher's 5, RGS High Wycombe 2, KCS Wimbledon 1; Kingston GS 5, Seaford 6.

NORDIC SKIING

OBERSTDORF, West Germany: World championships: 30km classical: 1, T Wassberg (Swe), 1hour 24min 30.1sec; 2, A Karvonen (Fin), 1:26:24.0; 3, C Majback (Swe), 1:26:55.0; 4, H Kirvesniemi (Fin), 1:27:18; 5, V Ulvang (Nor), 1:27:55.2; 6, T Langli (Nor), 1:28:06.0; 7, G Svan (Swe), 1:29:17.3; 8, G Pal Mikkelsplass (Nor), 1:29:19.3; 9, G Vanzetta (It), 1:29:58.1; 10, K Ristanen (Fin), 1:30:16.3. British placings: 42, J Spotswood, 1:39:22.5; 52, J Lineen, 1:44.10.5; 55, A Wylie, 1:46.45; 58, E McKenzie 1:46.45.8.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Rugby (J. G Kenneth Wright and R S Brown) bt Clifton (D White and K Rashid), 3-15, 15-8, 15-10, 15-10, 15-4.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Llanelli 22, South Glamorgan Institute 7; Pontypridd 16, Aberavon 12; Maesteg 14, Lydney 7; South Wales Police 20, Cross Keys 10; Pontypool 23, Glamorgan Wanderers 22.

HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS CUP: Semi-final: St John's Southsea 4, Peter Simmonds 3.

MANCHESTER SCHOOLS CUP: Quarter-final: West Park School 38, St Andrew's College 9.

MIDDLESEX UNDER-19 CUP: Semi-final: William Ellis 10, Enfield GS 6.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Harrogate GS 38, AAC Chepstow 6; Llandovery College 16, St Benedict's, Ealing 0; Palmer's 16, St Olave's 20; Wallington HS 0, Hampton GS 8.

SQUASH RACKETS

LONDONDERRY CUP: Quarter-final: Oundle bt Hove GS, 3-2.

TENNIS

MEMPHIS: US indoor championship (US unless stated): J Svensson (Swe) bt D Visser (SA), 7-6, 6-4; E Teltscher bt M Srejber (Cz), 6-2, 7-5; S Casale (Sp) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 6-4, 6-3; J Kriek bt T Moor, 6-2, 6-3; M Pernfors (Swe) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 6-2, 6-3; T Mayotte bt M Davis, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt T Wilkison, 6-4, 6-4; J McEnroe bt P Annacone, 6-3, 6-4; J Connors bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 6-1, 6-3; R Krishnan (Ind) bt S Testerman, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5

SAN FRANCISCO: Virginia Slims tournament: First round (US unless stated): E Krapl (Switz) bt A Sanchez (Sp), 6-0, 6-2; C Benjamin bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5. Second round: E Smylie (Aus) bt M L Piatek, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; H Mandlikova (Cz) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-3, 6-2. Second round: M Maleeva (Bul) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-1, 6-1; K Rinaldi bt A White, 6-1, 7-6; W Turnbull (Aus) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm)		Conditions			Weather (5pm)	
	L	U	Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	-	°C
AUSTRIA							
Igls	10	100	worn	varied	worn	cloud	9
A little snow over night							
Obergurgl	60	110	good	varied	good	cloud	0
Good skiing on upper slopes							
Sölden	30	80	fair	varied	fair	cloud	3
Some spring snow							
St Anton	65	295	fair	varied	fair	fine	5
Good skiing on upper slopes							
FRANCE							
Morzine	30	150	fair	heavy	poor	fohn	5
Slush on lower slopes							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	40	180	v good	good	powder	snow	0
Superb powder off piste							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	60	130	fair	varied	fair	fair	5
Snow wear on steep pistes							
Grindelwald	30	75	hard	varied	varied	warm	4
Wind has closed most lifts							
Mürren	70	120	good	crust	good	cloud	3
Generally good							
Saas Fee	50	200	fair	varied	poor	snow	0
Worn patches below 2000							
Villars	35	100	fair	good	fair	fair	2
Good skiing on hard base							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a hard base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a hard base; lower slopes, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow; vertical runs, 1800ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete but narrow, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete but narrow, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1500ft. Glencoe (Friday to Monday only): upper runs, runs complete, new snow on a hard base; lower slopes, some runs complete, new snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 1400ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1300ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Forecast for today: most places will have sunny intervals and isolated light snow showers, but Cairngorm will be cloudy at times, with scattered snow showers; freezing level will be at sea level at first, rising to 2000ft later in morning; moderate winds, variable at first, becoming mostly south-easterly later. Outlook for tomorrow: little general change.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Palmer stays

Gary Palmer, the Somerset all-rounder, has turned down the offer of a three-year contract with Gloucestershire and signed a 12-month contract to stay with Somerset.

Peters's post

Mary Peters, the former Olympic pentathlon gold medal winner, has been appointed to the Sports Council.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear
and Christopher Davalle

Portrait of an artist as a young man: one of the anti-hero characters from The Confessions of Robert Crumb (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Crumb's slice of the wild life

CHOICE

● Robert Crumb, the subject of **Arena** (BBC2, 9.30pm) is the American comic artist most associated with the 1960s: his work was wild and insubordinate (and deeply neurotic), and characters like Fritz the Cat and Mr Natural became famous emblems of the drug counter-culture. In *The Confessions of Robert Crumb* the artist makes a rare appearance to remind us that he is still alive. In many respects, his life offers a typical celebrity story for the last three decades: too much music, drugs, sex and fame in the 1960s; too many lawyers, breakdown and bankruptcy in the 70s; and now readjustment to tax-paying happiness, normal family life and a clear mind. Despite changes of style in his work, Crumb admits that his obsessions are constant and adolescent. Women dominate his thoughts and work: "Yeah, I suppose I'm sexist," he sighs, unrepentant. Crumb, in life and work, presents himself as the put-upon little man, a sort of comic underground alternative to Woody Allen, whose pose as super-wimp allows him to insult everyone else and, as a final defence, himself. "Sometimes I feel I have a deep genetic defect," he moans, not unhappily. Like Allen, Crumb makes much of his physical and social awkwardness ("The only thing we had in common was our desperation," he says of his first wife). Like Allen, Crumb appears perfectly competent and at ease with his professed ill-ease before a camera.

Chris Petit

● *Peter Davalle writes:* **The One Alone** (Radio 3, 9.15pm), Iris Murdoch's verse play, has an incarcerated prisoner of conscience being overwhelmed by both doubts and certainties. And, as a verse play, I found it gripping, disturbing and undoubtedly topical. But its intelligibility is marred because the woman in the cell is overwhelmed by something else, too – Gary Carpenter's orchestral and choral writing, performed here by the BBC Concert Orchestra and the BBC Singers. This, except for its plaintive refrain for children's voices, is altogether too obtrusive and spectacular for what is, essentially, an intimate exercise in soul-searching, an interior dialogue which carries its own eloquent musical resonances.

Time for a smacker: Paul Trevillion and Sadie Nine try a spot of speed kissing for Valentine's eve (BBC1, 10.20pm)

BBC1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.** 6.55 **Weather.**
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Jeremy Paxman, and Sally Magnusson. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and traffic reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 **Watchdog.** Lyne Faulds Wood and John Stapleton investigate consumer complaints 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather 9.05 **Day to Day.** Robert Kilroy-Silk, his guests, and a studio audience discuss a topical subject 9.45 **Advice Line.** Paul Clark and Eileen Evason answer questions on social security problems.
10.00 News and weather. 10.05 **Neighbours.** (r) 10.25 **Children's BBC.** 10.30 **Play School.** 10.50 **Ivor the Engine** (r).
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Rudolph Walker with a thought for the day 11.00 News and weather 11.05 **Your Life in Their Hands.** A day-old baby is discovered to have feeding problems. Emergency surgery is the only answer. (r) 11.35 **Open Air** presented by Alan Titchmarsh and Eamonn Holmes. Includes news and weather at 12.00.
12.20 **The Tom O'Connor Roadshow.** Variety show from Blackpool 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather. 1.25 **Neighbours.** Terry makes her peace with Max; and Danny invites Wendy out to dinner. 1.50 **Heads and Tails.** (r)
2.05 **The Liver Birds.** (r) 2.35 **Knots Landing.** Karen discovers something unsavoury about Abby. 3.25 **Box Clever.** Family quiz game.
3.50 **Henry's Cat** 4.10 **Yogi Bear.** (r) 4.15 **Jackanory.** Christopher Guard with part five of Gaffer Samson's Luck.
4.30 **Secret's Out.** Mike Smith with another edition of the odd hobbies quiz. The special guest is Paul Daniels.
4.55 **Newsround Extra.** Helen Rollason reports on the gymnastics boom from a converted washhouse in Toxteth, Liverpool. (Ceefax) 5.05 **Grange Hill.** Episode 12. 5.35 **Fax.** Another selection of arguments are settled by Bill Oddie, Debbie Rix, and Billy Butler.
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Wogan.** Tonight's guest's include John Cole, Jimmy Cricket, and Gloria Steinem.
7.35 **Blankety Blank.** With Les Dawson are Cherry Gillespie, Deryck Guyler, Aimi MacDonald, Jean Rook, Peter Stringfellow, and Charlie Williams. (Ceefax)
8.10 **Dynasty.** Blake and Krystle make for Caracas to try and secure the release of Caress. (Ceefax)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 **Rockliffe's Babies.** The tension mounts in a black community after one of their number dies in custody after a drugs overdose. (Ceefax)
10.20 **The Kiss.** A non-too-serious documentary examining The Kiss through the ages, narrated by George Segal. (Ceefax)
11.10 **Film: The Bad News Bears Go to Japan.** (1978) starring Tony Curtis. Marvin Lazar, a failed entrepreneur, sees a chance of making money when he spots a small advertisement placed by the notorious junior netball team, The Bad News Bears, who need sponsorship for a tour of Japan. Directed by John Berry.
12.40 **Weather.**

BBC 2

6.55 **Open University: Measuring the Earth and the Moon.** Ends at 7.20. 9.00 **Ceefax.**
9.52 **Daytime on Two:** part four of Fair Ground! 10.15 A clash of cultures experienced by Pakistani children living in Glasgow 10.38 How the textile industry grew to dominate Blackburn 11.00 Wondermaths 11.17 How the Wyoming town of Evanston coped with the discovery of oil in 1977 11.40 The growth of the town in the Middle Ages.
12.00 The Seduction, an award winning poem by Eileen McAuley 12.32 The 11-year old unsolved murder od Enrico Sidoli 1.00 Designers 1.33 Why do some people turn to religion at a time of need? 2.00 News and weather 2.02 For four- and five-year olds.
2.15 **World Bowls.** Quarterfinal action in the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship. Includes news and weather at 3.00.
3.50 **News,** regional news and weather.
4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.**
4.25 **World Bowls** from Coatbridge.
4.55 **Delia Smith's One is Fun.** Recipes for cooking for one.
5.10 **Horizon: Bettelheim.** Part two. (r)
6.00 **World Bowls** from Coatbridge.
6.40 **Botham.** Ian Botham talks to Richie Benaud about the 1981 Test series between England and Australia. (r)
7.30 **Ebony** includes the story of Marcus Garvey - Jamaica's first national hero.
8.00 **On the Road.** Lydd Airport is in receivership, nearby Manston is expanding. Why?; John Cheetham is a man who teaches blind children to draw; and why wheel-clamping has doubled since privatization.
8.30 **Gardeners' World.** Worcester's Spetchley Park in spring, summer, and autumn.
9.00 **Indelible Evidence: Gaslight.** The story of how forensic scientists helped the police foil what Douglas Scott hoped to be the perfect murder. Scott's wife was found dead in a caravan, ostensibly the victim of toxic fumes from a faulty gas-lamp. Presented by Ludovic Kennedy.
9.30 **Arena: The Confessions of Robert Crumb.** A self-portrait of comic artist, Robert Crumb, the creator of Fritz the Cat, and Mr Natural.
10.25 **Newsnight** 11.10 **Weather.**
11.15 **World Bowls.** The last quarterfinal of the Embassy World Indoor Championship.
12.00 **Film: Beware My Lovely**° (1952) starring Ida Lupino and Robert Ryan. Thriller about a young widow who hires a handyman, unaware that he is unhinged. Her friendliness towards him has an unnerving effect on the man and the widow soon finds herself a prisoner in her own home. Directed by Harry Horner. Ends at 1.20

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6.15 **TV-am** presented by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.28 and 6.58; new at 6.30; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.
7.00 **Good Morning Britain** introduced by Jayne Irving and Richard Keys. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.35. After Nine includes Russell Grant's astrology and exercises with Lizzie Webb.
9.25 **Thames news** headlines.
9.30 **Schools:** the natural history of a pond 9.47 How We Used to Live: a flu epidemic 10.09 Maths: symmetrical patterns 10.26 Plants for food 10.50 German for 12- 14-year olds 11.15 How cheese is made on a farm and a factory 11.27 Helping children and the elderly with walking difficulties 11.44 Uses of computers.
12.00 **The Raggy Dolls** help to teach litter bugs a lesson. (r) 12.10 **Rainbow.** Learning with puppets and guest, Patsy Rowlands.
12.30 **A Sense of the Past.** Greeme Garden investigates Britain's defensive buildings from prehistoric times to the present day. (r)
1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin 1.20 **Thames news.**
1.30 **Film: Once You Kiss a Stranger** (1969) starring Paul Burke and Carol Lynley. Thriller about a psychotic woman who offers to murder the principal opponent of a golfer who is distracted by his wife walking out on him. Directed by Robert Sparr. 3.25 **Thames news headlines** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 **Rainbow.** A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10 4.15 **Batfink.** (r) 4.20 **T-Bag Bounces Back.** Starring Elizabeth Estensen as a sorceress 4.45 **Alias the Jester.** Cartoon series about a medieval spaceman.
5.00 **Bellamy's Bugle.** David Bellamy's ecology series 5.15 **Connections.** General knowledge game for sixth formers, presented by Sue Robbie.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart.
6.00 **The 5 O'Clock Show** presented by Michael Aspel.
7.00 **The Newlywed Game.** Three newlywed couples are quizzed by Gloria Hunniford on how little they know about their respective partner.
7.30 **Murder, She Wrote: If the Frame Fits.** Jessica solves the mystery of a stolen painting and the murder of a friend's daughter.
8.30 **My Husband and I.** Comedy series starring Mollie Sugden and William Moore. Nora begins to suspect there is another woman in her husband's life. (Oracle)
9.00 **Yesterday's Dreams.** Episode six, and Don questions Diane about her relationship with Martin, and refuses to allow Martin to help him in his financial plight. Starring Paul Freeman, Judy Loe, and Trevor Byfield. (Oracle)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Burnet.
10.30 **The London Programme.** The high cost of living in the south-east has deterred skilled staff from working in London. Are regional pay agreements the way to attract professional workers to the capital? Followed by LWT News headlines.
11.05 **South of Watford.** Hugh Laurie explores the changing face of British mime.
11.30 **Darts.** Dickie Davies introduces quarterfinal action in the MFI World Pairs Championships, from The Paddocks, Canvey Island. The commentator is Dave Lanning
12.30 **New From London.** The Chevalier Brothers recorded in 1985 in concert at the Camden Palace Theatre. Ends at 1.30.

CHANNEL 4

2.15 **Their Lordships' House.** (r)
2.30 **Passage to Britain.** Part four of the series tracing the history of emigration to Britain examines the Second World War period and the post-war era when a massive shortage of manpower meant large-scale immigration was the only way to rebuild Britain. (r)
3.00 **Time to Remember.** This third programme in the series charting the social and political history of Britain from the Victorian age to 1945, through archives of Pathe News, focuses on the period 1911 to 1913. Narrated by Dame Edith Evans. (r)
3.30 **Spring Queen.** Llew Gardner interviews the distinguished writer, Naomi Mitchison. (r)
4.30 **Countdown.** Yesterday's winner is challenged by Robert Reid from Liverpool.
5.00 **Badminton.** Highlights from the finals of the Carlsberg English National Championships 1987.
5.30 **The Tube.** This week's edition of the pop programme features, among others, Love and Money, and Hurrah.
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 **Book Choice.** Malcolm Bradbury discusses Philip Roth's, The Counterlife, a new novel about Jewish identity, sexuality and dentistry in New Jersey. **Weather.**
8.00 **What the Papers Say** with *The Guardian's* Nicholas De Jongh.
8.15 **A Week in Politics** reveals the United States policies on prisons, health, and students, the Conservatives might import after the next election. Presented by Nick Ross.
9.00 **E.R.** Comedy series starring Elliott Gould as a harassed specialist of an Emergency Room in a large inner city hospital.
9.30 **Fairly Secret Army.** Delightful comedy starring Geoffrey Palmer as a retired major dedicated to ridding the country of long-haired subversives. With Diane Fletcher as his long-suffering fiancee. (r) (Oracle)
10.00 **Cheers.** Comedy set in a Boston bar where, tonight, Sam introduces Cliff to an extremely wealthy single gentleman. Starring Ted Danson and Shelley Long.
10.30 **Film: The Blue Dahlia**° (1946) starring Alan Ladd, Veronica Lake, and William Bendix. A Raymond Chandler thriller about an ex-serviceman who returns to Los Angeles after the Second World War to discover his wife's infidelity. Later she is murdered and he is the prime suspect. Directed by George Marshall.
12.20 **The Last Resort** with Jonathan Ross. Among the guests in tonight's music and chat show are Ned Sherrin, Matt Johnson of The The, and the King's Singers. Ends at 1.05.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Sportfolio 11.10-11.35 Snooker 11.35-1.05am Film: The Bad News Bears go to Japan (1978) 1.05-1.10 News and weather SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 11.10-11.40 Left, Right and Centre 11.40-1.10am Film: The Bad News Bears go to Japan (1978) 1.10-1.15 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Fax 12.40am-12.45 Fax 12.40am-12.45 News and weather ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES 10.15am-10.38 Home Ground: The Travellers of Wales. 2.15pm-3.50 Snooker and World Bowls. 8.00-8.30 Public Account. SCOTLAND 8.00pm-8.30 Food and Drink. NORTHERN IRELAND 10.15am-10.38 Ulster in Focus 8.00pm-8.30 A Question of Sport ENGLAND 8.00pm-8.30 East: East on Two. Midlands: Our Town. North: Northern Lights. North-east: Townscape. North-west: Now! South: South on Two. South-west: Natural Concern. West: Day Out.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Run Rebecca, Run! 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here...? 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-7.00 About Anglia 10.30 Cross Question 11.30 Darts 12.30am Late Night Final, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Wish You Were Here...? 2.00 Curling 3.15 Cartoon 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Shemmy Dab 7.30-8.30 Magnum 10.30 Darts 11.30 Alred Hitchcock Presents 12.00 Curling 12.40am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Odd Couple 6.00 News 6.45-7.00 Central Post 7.30-8.30 T J Hooker 10.35 Central Weekend 12.00 Film: The Last Ninja 1.40am Jobfinder 2.40 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 The Week in View 2.00 Tucker's Witch 3.00 Look Who's Talking 3.25 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Flying Start 7.30-8.30 Magnum 10.30 Hunter 11.30 Darts 12.30am What The European Papers Say 12.45 Special Squad 1.35 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Wedding of Lili Marlene° 6.00-7.00 News 7.30-8.30 T J Hooker 10.30 Weekend Starts Here 11.30 Magnum 12.30am Darts 1.30 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six 10.30 Your Number's Up 11.00-11.30 Mind Your Language.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Pit of Darkness 3.00pm Wish You Were Here...? 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-7.00 Friday Show 10.32 Kojak 11.30 Darts 12.30am Postscript 12.35 Queen Live in Rio 1.35 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Bulman 2.30 Wish You Were Here...? 3.30-4.00 Country GP 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30 Challenge of the South 10.30 Facing South 11.00 Film: Go Tell the Spartans 1.05am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.25 Lookaround 1.30 Film: King Solomon's Treasure 3.00 Wish You Were Here...? 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 What Would You Do? 10.32 Extra Time 11.15 Film: Jigsaw John: They Only Come Out at Night 12.35am Three's Company, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News 1.25 Help Yourself 1.30 Film: Flanagan Boy° 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here...? 6.00-7.00 Calendar 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider 10.30 Sweeney 11.30 Darts 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 11.25am Ysgolion 12.00 Interval 12.45pm Down the Line 1.45 Their Lordships' House 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Film: Jeannie° 4.05 5 Lon Goch 4.20 Smyrffs 4.45 Chwarter Call 5.00 Llygad Y Ddraig 5.30 The Tube 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Am Y Corau 8.05 Sidni 8.35 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.35 Snwcer 10.05 Film: The Chain 11.50 Steelchest, Nail in the Boot and the Barking Dog 12.50am Closedown.

Power to the people: Liz Fraser, Geoffrey Palmer and co continue their fight to save the nation in Fairly Secret Army (Ch4, 9.30pm)

Old-time Goodies: Graeme Garden looks at the preservation of Britain's country heritage in A Sense of the Past (ITV, 12.30pm)

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see below)

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm then 10.00 and 12.00 midnight. 5.30am Simon Mayo 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat with Frank Partridge 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat with Frank Partridge 5.45 Singled Out. Janice Long on the week's single releases 7.00 Andy Peebles 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 10.00pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF.

News on the hour (except 8.00pm, 9.00). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. 4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 The Beverley Sisters 5.05 John Dunn from Ascension Island 7.00 Thanks for the Memory 7.30 Friday Night Is Music Night 9.30 The Organist Entertains 10.00 The Guitars of the Aguado Duo 10.30 Vince Hill 11.00 Stuart Hall 1.00am Nightride

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 News 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty Four Hours 7.30 Nashville Cats 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Pierre Fournier 8.30 Music Now 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Poisoned Dow 10.00 News 10.01 Sing Gospel 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme 10.30 Business Matters 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 In the Meantime 11.25 A Letter from Northern Ireland 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Jazz For The Asking 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty Four Hours 1.30 John Peel 2.00 Outlook, opening with News 2.45 Nature Notebook 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 European Community 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Science in Action 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter from Northern Ireland 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty Four Hours 8.30 Science in Action 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Music Now 9.45 Wind in the Willows 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter from Northern Ireland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 From the Weeklies 11.30 Multitrack 3 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 About Britain 12.45 Recording of the Week 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Sing Gospel 1.45 Nature Notebook 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Alternative Proms 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Here's Humph! 5.45 World Today. All times in GMT.

Radio 3

On medium wave. Stereo on vhf

6.35 Open University (vhf only) The Best Laid Plans 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.05 Morning Concert. Szymanowski, Concert Overture in E (Polish Radio National SO under Jacek Kasprzyk, with Wojciech Musial, piano); Rachmaninov, Piano Concerto No 4, in G minor (Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli Philharmonia under Ettore Gracis); Liszt, Hungarian Rhapsody No 6, in D (LSO under Anatal Dorati) 8.00 News 8.05 Morning Concert (cont). Sibelius, Tone Poem: Finlandia (Berlin PO under Herbert Von Karajan); Liszt, arr Busoni, La campanella (piano roll recording); Verdi, Ritorna vincitor! (Aida) (LPO under Giuseppe Patané, with Aprile Millo, soprano); Tchaikovsky, Serenade in C, for string orchestra (Academy of St Martin-in-the-fields under Sir Neville Marriner). 9.00 World Service News 9.10 This Week's Composer. Smetna – The Last Years. The Devil's Wall: Act 3, scenes 4-9 (Prague National Theatre under Zdenek Chalabala); String Quartet No 2, in D minor (Smetna Quartet); Prague Carnival (Bavarian RSO under Rafael Kubelik). Records. 10.00 Northern Sinfonia, under Wilfried Boettcher, with Stephen Reay (bassoon). Handel, Suite No 2, in D major (Water Music); Robin Holloway, Bassoon Concerto (first broadcast performance); Mozart, Symphony No 36, in C major (K 425) (Linz). 11.00 Songs by Parry and Cowen. With Dinah Harris (soprano) and Gordon Stewart (piano). 11.30 Paco Peña and Juanito Adrian play arrangements for two guitars by Paco Peña of some traditional flamenco forms. Alegrias: Soleáres; Guajiras; Sevillanas. 11.50 Dutilleux and Frank Martin. Judith Pearce (flute) and Peter Pettinger (piano) play Dutilleux's Sonatine and Martin's Ballade. 12.10pm BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, under Gyorgy Lehel. Part one: Haydn's Symphony No 104, in D major (London) and Bartok's Dance Suite.

1.00 News 1.05 BBC PO (part two). Bartok's Music for strings, percussion and celesta. 1.40 Serenata. Strauss, arr Hasenöhrl, Till Eulanspiegel einmal anders!; Britten, Sinfonietta, Op 1 2.10 Roussel and the Orient. Joueurs de flûte, Op 27: Susan Milan (flute) and Clifford Benson (piano); Evocations, Op 15: Marie Mrasova (contralto) Zdenek Svehla (tenor) and Jindrich Jindrak (baritone); Impromptu, Op 21: Marie-Claire Jamet (harp). 3.15 The Cobbett Phantasies. The Deakin Piano Trio play Ireland's Phantasie in A minor and Moeran's Piano Trio (1920). 4.00 Choral Evensong, recorded at St Augustine's Church, Kilburn, London.

5.00 World Service News 5.10 Mainly for Pleasure. 6.55 News 7.00 Scriabin and Debussy, with Martin Hughes (piano). Scriabin, Sonata No 3, in F sharp minor, Op 23; Debussy, Études: Pour les arpèges composés (Book2, No 11); Pour les octaves (Book 1, No 5). 7.30 Eder String Quartet – Janos Selmeczi (violin) Idiko Hegyi (violin) Sandor Papp (viola) and Gyorgy Eder (cello). Live from Pebble Mill. Part one: Beethoven's Quartet in G, Op 18 No 2, and Kodaly's Quartet No 2. 8.15 Human Capital. Leslie Hannah, Professor of business history at the London School of Economics, identifies ways of improving the ecuducation and training of the British workforce. 8.35 Eder String Quartet (cont). Brahms's Quartet in A minor, Op 51 No 2. 9.15 The One Alone 10.05 San Francisco Symphony Orchestra 11.40 Bax 11.57-12.00 News

Radio 4

On long wave (s) Stereo on VHF

5.55am Shipping 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 Today's News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.50 Your Letters 8.57 Weather; Travel 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Victoria Wood in conversation with Michael Parkinson (s) 9.45 Feedback (new series) Christopher Dunkley with your comments and queries about the BBC 10.00 News; International Assignment. 10.30 Morning Story. The Amorous Ghost, by Enid Bagnold 10.45 Daily Service (s) 11.00 News; Travel; The Springer Inheritance. David Wheeler with a documentary about Axel Springer, newspaper publisher and a great influence on his times 11.48 Being Human. 1: The One Per Cent Advantage. The relationship between man and chimp. 12.00 News; The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper 12.27 Tales from the Mausoleum Club. 6: Jess of the B'Ournevilles (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World At One. News. 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Jenni Murray in Bristol 3.00 News; Martin Chuzzlewit, by Charles Dickens dramatized in 10 episodes. 2: Towns and Todgers (s). 4.00 News 4.05 Inside Job. The first of six programmes giving an intimate view of working life in Lancashire 4.30 Kaleidoscope

5.00 PM. News magazine 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report 6.30 Going Places. The world of travel and transport 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week, presented by June Knox-Mawer (s) 8.20 Any Questions? Joining John Timpson in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, are David Mellor, MP, The Rt Hon David Owen, MP, The Rt Hon Gerald Kaufman, MP, and Rosalind Gilmore (director, St George's House, Windsor Castle) 9.05 Law in Action. Weekly magazine about law and legal practices. 9.30 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke 9.45 Kaleidoscope. The Soul of Brazil. Michael Berkly with a portrait of the Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime. Missing Persons, by David Cook (10) (s) 10.29 Weather 10.30 The World Tonight 11.00 Today in Parliament 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 11.30 Week Ending. Satirical review (s) 12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00pm Weather; Travel 11.00-12.00 For Schools 1.55-3.00pm For Schools 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-time Broadcasting: Technology and Design (s) 12.30 3: A Risky Business 12.50 Planning and Choosing.

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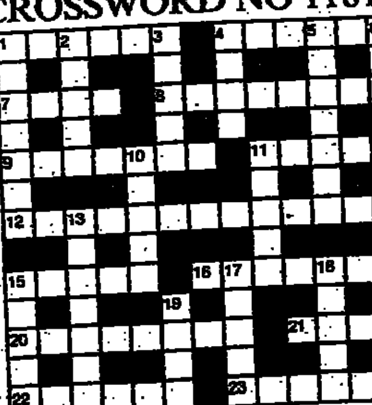

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MOZAMBIQUE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Innocent victims in Mozambique's crisis. It's a tragedy we have to show such pictures. (Photo Jenny Matthews)

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Special measures against English fans are ruled out

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Spanish police have decided not to take any special precautions to counter the threat of England hooligans here for next week's international against Spain.

Speaking for Spain's general directorate of police, José Antonio Linares described the measures as "customary" rather than "special". He said: "We don't expect as big a crowd of British fans in Madrid as there might be for an important match between two clubs. But in any case the precuations will be in proportion to the size of the crowd."

The Spanish authorities feel that the threat posed by the notorious England fans is less serious than it was several seasons ago and their plans not to take rigorous action will be welcomed by the English football authorities, who are hoping that the ban on clubs playing in Europe will be lifted in the near future.

A spokesman for the Spanish football federation said the measures were outlined at a meeting with British Embassy representatives, who had spoken to British police authorities.

The England Under-21 international at Burgos is likely to attract even less policing because it takes place on the same day as the senior international in Madrid. The police spokesman added: "Security considerations will be less extensive and the precautions will be less severe."

Measures in Madrid include a special watch by police, before and during the match, on supporters' groups which might create violence or which have done so in the past; increased police patrols before and after the match in zones where fans might be expected to gather and in the areas around their hotels; and reinforcement of normal police units at the stadium in proportion to the need.

Other measures include instant action to nip any possible conflicts in the bud; seating Spanish and Briitsh fans in separate sections of the stadium; keeping a discreet watch aboard the buses and in the hotels used by fans; enforcement of the no-alcohol rule at the stadium; and screening fans as they enter in order to keep out possibly dangerous drunks and persons carrying potential weapons or missiles.

A federation spokesman said there will also be separate ticket counters and separate entrances for Spaniards and Britons.

Tranmere's new team: Administrator Frank Taylor and caretaker-manager Ronnie Moore (left), in control at Prenton Park

Richards hits out over rule changes

Auckland (Reuter) — Rulemakers were trying to cripple the West Indies's fast bowling, claimed their captain, Viv Richards, after his side arrived here yesterday for their tour of New Zealand.

Richards said that experimental rules, including making bouncers no-balls in the World Series Cup and the call for a minimum of 90 overs on each day of a Test match, were part of a campaign to offset the West Indies's strength in fast bowling. "They are trying to cripple us," he said.

Referring to the recent World Series Cup in Australia, Richards added: "What I find funny, is that the Australian is supposed to be the toughest of men. They have had their Lindwalls and Millers and Lillees in the past. Have the Australians become so timid over a number of years? I find that very, very silly."

Steve Camacho, the team's manager, said the West Indies's Board would consider the 90 overs a day minimum before the next International Cricket Conference meeting.

"I am not sure it is in the best interests to continue tampering with the laws," he said. "There is talk about the number of overs the bowlers must bowl. Why talk about the number of overs the bowlers must bowl? Why not tell the batsmen they must score a certain number of runs in a day?"

Richards added: "People say we bowl to kill. That is not the case. If a batsmen has a weakness, we try to work on that weakness."

The tour opens tomorrow with a one-day game against Auckland.

Fear over Robson is allayed

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Fears about the health of Bobby Robson were dismissed yesterday by the Football Association. It had been reported that the England manager, who will celebrate his 54th birthday when his side take on Spain in Madrid next Wednesday, had complained that he was suffering from fatigue during a visit to Bristol.

After spending the week around the country attending launches of a coaching scheme, Robson is tired but he was fit and well enough to attend yesterday's meeting of the first division club managers in Coventry. He did go to hospital but the purpose of his visit was merely to seek advice about an allergy.

"He was referred to an allergy specialist in Bristol," an FA spokesman said. "So he used the opportunity of him being down in the West Country to fix up the appointment." Robson has been afflicted for some time by tennis elbow.

After being treated recently with cortisone, he reacted "very violently" to the injections. Tests were conducted at the new, private Glen Hospital at Clifton, Bristol, on Wednesday and, although the results were not disclosed, the spokesman stated that Robson will "definitely be there to greet the members of his squad when they assemble on Sunday night".

That Robson should be feeling weary is not surprising. His schedule, which includes an extensive amount of travelling, is demanding. Yet three months ago the FA's international committee decided that there was no pressing need for an assistant, such as Don Howe, to be appointed full-time.

Leading managers set poor example

By Dennis Shaw

Nine leading managers were missing from a meeting intended for all 22 from the first division at Coventry yesterday. The get-together was summoned by football's three-man think-tank, who have been formulating ideas to improve the game.

The call by Jimmy Hill, Ron Greenwood and Bertie Mee brought a response from 14 clubs, one of whom sent a representative for their absent manager.

The absentees were Brian Clough (Nottingham Forest), Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), Howard Wilkinson (Sheffield Wednesday), John Hollins (Chelsea), Jim Smith (QPR), John Lyall (West Ham), Dave Bassett (Wimbledon), Chris Nicholl (Southampton) and Jimmy Frizzell (Manchester City). Manchester City sent a "substitute" manager.

In the light of the well-intentioned motives which prompted gathering, the failure to attract more of the top managers could only be interpreted as a disappointment. The Football Association were represented by the England manager, Bobby Robson, the League by its secretary, Graham Kelly, the PFA by its secretary Gordon Taylor and FLESA (Football League Executive Staff Association) by its secretary, Eddie Plumley.

Their lengthy discussions spanned a wide range of topics, including the increasingly explosive relationship between players and referees. Football's image in the eyes of the public and its entertainment factor was another subject given a timely airing.

A "brain trust" triumvirate reported to the managers on the outcome of discussions they have held in recent weeks with various bodies, including the Referee's Sub-committee of the Football League. They then sought opinions from the managers present on the thorny subject of how the total product could be improved.

The meeting lasted nearly four hours and covered the question of goalkeepers holding up play too much, managers criticizing referees after matches and individuals in the game verbally attacking one another.

Kelly said: "All the missing managers have sent apologies. We have a good body of opinion. Anything and everything that can influence or improve League Football has been discussed."

May refusal continues

After three hours of talks yesterday, Allan Clarke, the Barnsley manager, was unable to persuade Larry May, his disillusioned central defender, to play in Saturday's derby against Leeds United (Martin Searby writes).

Problems began on Tuesday when Clarke agreed to sell May to Sheffield Wednesday. A £200,000 fee was agreed and May passed a medical.

But once news of the move leaked out, Barnsley supporters telephoned the directors to complain. Geoffrey Buckle, the Barnsley chairman, who had agreed with Clarke and been informed throughout the negotiations, convened an emergency board meeting which vetoed the sale.

May, aged 28, has been the cornerstone of the second division club's defence, but Clarke had already arranged the necessary cover, and argued that Barnsley in any case needed a good forward

Five go in Tranmere shake-up

Debt-ridden Tranmere yesterday took drastic steps to secure their immediate future by dismissing manager Frank Worthington and four senior staff in a cost-cutting exercise aimed at saving £100,000 a year.

A club administrator Frank Taylor, appointed on Monday to restructure the ailing fourth division club's finances, sacked Worthington, assistant manager George Mulhall, reserve coach Roy Lorenson and youth development officer Colin McDonald, a former England international goalkeeper.

Taylor, who also terminated the contract of paid executive and vice-chairman Ken Bracewell in the savage purge, promoted Ronnie Moore to player-coach before explaining his decision.

He said: "It was essential that we embarked on cost-cutting measures so that we can fulfil our fixtures this season. All those employees sacked today fully understand why the steps were taken so we could ensure the club's survival this season.

"I have no further plans for more redundancies at present but we'll still be looking at ways to cut our costs. Ronnie Moore is an experienced player and very enthusiastic and he will do a good job".

Worthington was brought in to replace the present Wigan manager Ray Mathias two seasons ago by club chairman Bruce Osterman, an American businessman.

● The survival hopes of Halifax Town, another fourth division club, with debts of more than £400,000 were dealt a sharp blow by the news that Halifax rugby league club had turned down their ground-sharing request.

Pro-am score of 66 a timely boost for Ballesteros

From John Ballantine, San Diego

The talking stopped and the shooting started in the San Diego Open yesterday on an overcast day, with a threat of rain, with Severiano Ballesteros no doubt hoping to match the score of 66 he and three others, including Andy Bean, had returned in Wednesday's pro-am on the easier North course.

Ballesteros has once again gone over all the familiar ground, insisting that he is right and Dean Beman and the PGA tour board wrong, in the controversy surrounding the decision to forbid him to play when and where he wishes in the United States.

But that was behind him as he tackled the same North course, late in the day, in the company of the left-hander Ernie Gonzalez and Peter Jacobsen. There seemed to be, if not a definite snub, then a distinct coolness in putting the Spaniard in a less fashionable and distinguished part of the draw than the star threesomes out on the championship South course, like Johnny Miller, Tom Watson and Mark McCumber, who followed Tom Kite, Mark O'Meara and Dan Pohl.

It was Kite, you may remember, whom Ballesteros robbed of what looked like a certain singles win in the Ryder Cup at The Belfry two years ago, when he recovered splendidly from two down with three to play to snatch a much needed half on the final, glorious day of victory for Europe.

How Ballesteros must be hoping that he might regain that magic touch here. Nothing would give him more satisfaction, I feel sure, than winning either at Torrey Pines, in the Los Angeles Open next week, or at the Doral Club in Miami, where he suffered the indignity last spring of being sacked as the touring professional.

Following these three events, he will return home and come back for the Tournament Players championship at Ponte Vedra in Florida.

● **BANGKOK:** Beverly New, of Britain, and Chien Ping Lan, of Taiwan, shared the lead with scores of 70, two under par, after the opening day of the £21,000 Thailand women's open yesterday (AFP reports).

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Bryant takes his time to win

By Gordon Allan

David Bryant, who has won the title three times, yesterday reached the quarter-finals of the Embassy world indoor championship at Coatbridge. In a match lasting three hours and 40 minutes, he beat John Watson, the 1982 champion, 7-4, 6-7, 7-4, 7-5.

It promised to be a long match, and it turned out to be the longest of the championship so far — an hour longer in fact than the Tony Allcock-Sam Wylie game last Saturday. This can be put down to frequent measurings of the jack length to make sure it was legal, a large number of killed ends and, above all, to the intense desire of both players to win. Bryant was not at his best but he regularly pulled brilliant shots out of the bag.

So did Watson, and to a spectacular extent at the flashpoint of the fourth set. Four times the Scot saved himself when Bryant had a match lie — three with drives, the other when he stole shot on a measure. The match-winning shot itself had to be measured after a drive by Bryant when he was a possible two down.

Don Peoples, of Australia, a losing semi-finalist two years ago, is the only overseas player left in the field. He plays Hugh Duff in the quarter-finals today after beating Lyn Tanner, 1-7, 7-3, 7-3, 3-7, 7-2, on Wednesday night.

Peoples is a baker from Queensland and there was a good deal of bread-and-butter bowling by both men. Now and again, though, a little honey was spread for us — in the final set for example when Peoples trailed the jack for a closely packed, potentially match-winning four and then saw Tanner cut out two of them on the draw and prolong the contest.

Duff beat Bill Boettger, 7-2, 7-1, 7-6. Boettger, whose name derives from his German ancestry, rarely plays in singles. Back home in Ontario he has to travel 100 miles twice a week to get indoor practice. He was out-bowled by Duff, a slightly-built clean shaven young man in startling contrast to his bewhiskered 20-stone opponent.

RESULTS: Second round (Wednesday): H Duff (Scot) bt W Boettger (Can), 7-2, 7-1, 7-6; D Peoples (Aus) bt L Tanner (Wales), 1-7, 7-3, 7-3, 3-7, 7-2. Yesterday: D Bryant (Eng) beat J Watson (Scot), 7-4, 6-7, 7-4, 7-5.

Jesty is in line for Surrey job

Surrey are expected to announce today their captain for next season following a meeting of the county's cricket committee at The Oval yesterday.

No statement was issued, but the job seems likely to go to Trevor Jesty, who led the county for most of the 1985 season after taking over from Geoff Howarth.

Jesty is favourite to be in charge for one year only, after which Alec Stewart, son of the England manager, Mickey Stewart, could assume control.

Jesty, aged 38, has been with Surrey for two seasons since leaving his native Hampshire where he was passed over for the captaincy in favour of Mark Nicholas.

He was replaced by Pat Pocock as Surrey captain last season, but Pocock's subsequent retirement has opened the door once more. In first-class matches last year, Jesty scored 998 runs at an average of 34.

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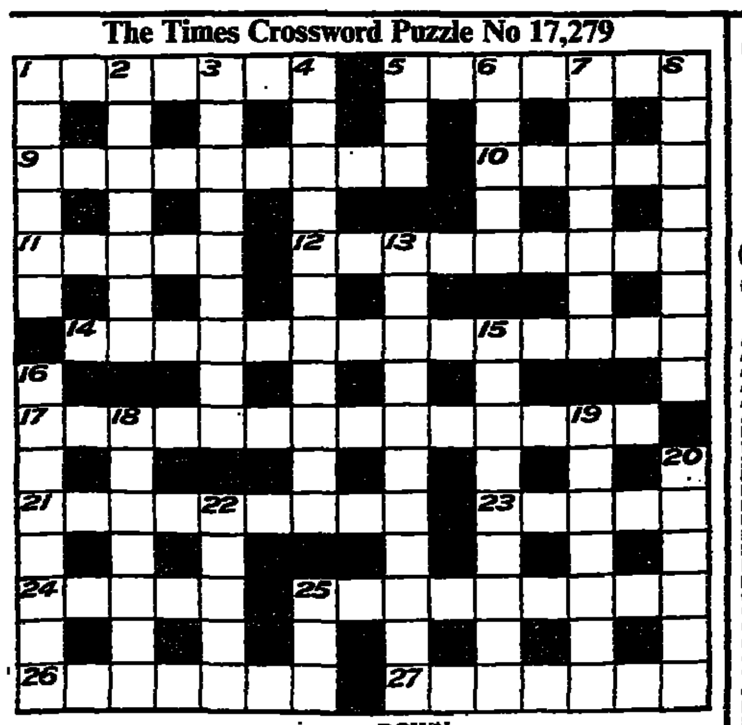

ACROSS

1 Old boy in race — one badly needing oxygen (7).
5 Bishop a Jew rejected early on (7).
9 Bird returned book after breather outside University (9).
10 African appears to forbid familiarity in France (5).
11 Runs through Southern president with a sword (5).
12 Oriental dined outside American work complex (9).
14 Beautiful age for fruit, perhaps — even in a Dutch painter (5,9).
17 Inescapable fate met while still travelling? (14).
21 Aquaintance in England woke without an awful shaking (9).
23 Popular, if non-U, to be kept in drink (5).
24 Write a song about it for ordinary people (5).
25 Make a crackling sound, but kick up about mine (9).
26 Flare-up? So much for the French spirit! (7).
27 Climber, or a number training, say (7).

DOWN

1 Impressive time for a Roman Emperor, but not us (6).
2 Such a colourful exhibition may be above us (7).
3 Raised gallery whence you can view Apollo, perhaps (9).
4 Came to spend freely, getting repaid (11).
5 Opener, perhaps, for serving up tongue (3).
6 Out, thanks to barracking (5).
7 Command also accepted by the first officer (7).
8 Wine may thus go round, some say (8).
13 Notice vehicle sticker — it's a form of promotion (11).
15 Chemical process for putting up the tin quota (9).
16 Obstruction under the nail — a bit of grass (8).
18 Observe rising boy scholar (7).
19 In which marching bands may strike up a tune (4,3).
20 Sustenance required before invading a state (6).
22 Shoot a female bird, perhaps (5).
25 Backs alongside this projection? (3).

The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship: Eliminator puzzle for London Qualifiers next Thursday.

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WEATHER

General situation: a weak ridge of high pressure covers the country but a frontal trough will approach the SW. Most parts will start cold and frosty with some patchy fog. In some central parts of England and Scotland fog may persist all day but in most parts it will become brighter with some sunshine. Most of the country will be dry but in the SW of England it will be cloudier with some rain. NE parts of Scotland will have some sleet showers. During the evening frost will return to many northern and eastern areas. Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Dry and bright in most places with overnight frost and fog.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	r	13	55	Majorca	d	12	54
Akrotiri	s	19	66	Malaga	f	13	55
Alex'dria	s	20	68	Malta	c	16	61
Algiers	c	11	52	Melb'rne	s	21	70
Amst'dm	d	6	43	Mexico C*	s	17	63
Athens	c	15	59	Milan	r	3	37
Bahrain	s	19	66	Montreal*	s	12	10
Barbads*	f	29	84	Moscow	s	-9	16
Barcelna	r	9	48	Nairobi	c	27	81
Belgrade	s	9	48	Naples	c	16	61
Berlin	c	3	37	N Delhi	s	22	72
Bermuda*	f	17	63	N York*	s	3	37
Biarritz	c	10	50	Nice	r	10	50
Borde'x	c	10	50	Oslo	sn	-2	28
Brussels	c	4	39	Paris	f	7	45
Budapst	f	5	41	Perth	s	36	97
B Aires*	s	27	81	Prague	c	2	38
Cape Tn	f	25	77	Reykjvik	s	-1	30
C'blanca	c	16	61	Rhodes	f	18	64
Chicago*	f	8	46	Rio de J	s	24	75
Ch'church	f	24	75	Riyadh	s	21	70
Cologne	r	6	43	Rome	r	12	54
C'phagn	r	1	34	Salzburg	c	9	48
Corfu	c	16	61	S F'risco*	f	13	55
Dublin	c	3	37	S Paulo*	c	21	70
Dubrovnik	r	11	52	Seoul	s	5	41
Florence	r	12	54	Sing'por	s	30	86
Frankfurt	c	4	39	St'kholm	c	1	34
Funchal	f	17	63	Strasb'rg	c	5	41
Geneva	c	5	41	Sydney	s	26	79
Gibraltar	f	13	55	Tangier	c	13	55
Helsinki	sn	-1	30	Tel aviv	s	20	68
Hong K	f	23	73	Tenerife	s	20	68
Innsbrck	f	13	55	Tokyo	f	22	72
Istanbul	s	13	56	Toronto*	f	-2	28
Jeddah	s	30	86	Tunis	c	15	59
Jo'burg*	f	24	75	Valencia	s	14	57
Karachi	s	23	73	Vanc'ver*	r	9	48
L Palmas	s	19	66	Venice	r	10	50
Le Touqt	fg	4	39	Vienna	s	9	48
Lisbon	c	13	55	Warsaw	s	7	45
Locarno	r	3	37	Wash'ton*	f	8	46
Luxembg	fg	4	39	Wel'nton	f	19	66
Madrid	f	9	48	Zurich	c	3	37

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

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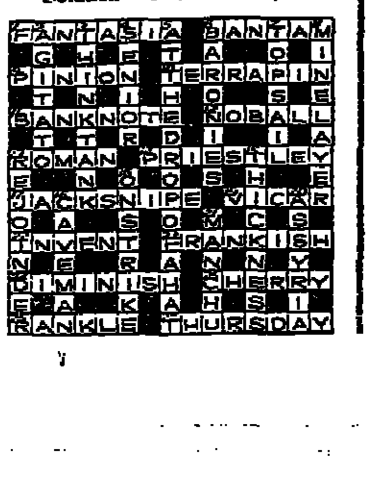

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	*				
Bridlington	4.2	-	7	45	sunny
Cromer	0.5	-	8	46	bright
Lowestoft	0.2	-	7	45	fog
Clacton	0.8	.01	5	41	bright
Southend	2.2	-	8	46	fog
Margate	*	-	8	45	sunny
Folkestone	4.0	-	9	48	sunny
Hastings	4.9	-	8	46	sunny
Eastbourne	6.1	-	7	45	sunny
Brighton	3.5	-	8	46	bright
Worthing	3.6	-	8	46	bright
Littlehmptn	4.0	-	9	48	sunny
Bognor R	4.0	-	9	48	sunny
Southsea	4.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Sandown	3.7	-	8	46	sunny
Shanklin	3.4	-	9	48	sunny
Bournemth	2.3	-	9	48	cloudy
Poole	1.5	-	10	50	cloudy
Swanage	2.7	.01	9	48	bright
Weymouth	0.7	.06	9	48	rain
Exmouth	-	.12	7	45	rain
Teignmouth	-	.13	7	45	cloudy
Torquay	-	.12	7	45	shower
Falmouth	*				
Penzance	2.6	.34	9	48	sunny
Scilly Isles	3.9	.23	9	48	sunny
Jersey	3.2	-	10	50	bright
Guernsey	3.1	-	10	50	bright
Newquay	2.1	.29	8	45	shower
Ilfracombe	*	.24	7	45	bright
Minehead	-	.05	7	45	rain
B'pool Airpt	*				
Morecambe	2.1	.06	6	43	bright
Douglas	5.8	-	6	43	bright
B'ham Airpt	-	.28	5	41	rain
Bristol (Ctrl)	-	.24	6	43	rain
Carlisle	0.4	.01	5	41	shower
London	1.3	-	9	48	cloudy
Manchester	2.2	.01	6	43	rain
N'ctl-n-Tyne	3.2	-	7	45	bright
Nottingham	-	.16	5	41	rain
Anglesey	5.6	-	8	46	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	-	.24	5	41	rain
Colwyn Bay	*	-	7	45	cloudy
Tenby	1.0	.17	7	45	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	.10	4	39	rain
Edinburgh	5.8	-	7	45	sunny
Eskdalemuir	2.2	-	5	41	bright
Glasgow	2.0	-	6	43	cloudy
Kinloss	-	.51	4	39	rain
Lerwick	0.1	.05	5	41	shower
Prestwick	0.6	.01	6	43	shower
Stornoway	0.2	.13	5	41	shower
Tiree	4.3	.03	7	45	shower
Wick	-	.17	5	41	shower
Belfast	-	-	2	36	cloudy

These are Wednesday's figures
*Figures not available

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.38	6.5	2.02	6.6
Aberdeen	1.16	3.9	1.16	4.0
Avonmouth	7.07	12.0	7.28	12.0
Belfast	10.57	3.3	11.19	3.0
Cardiff	6.52	11.1	7.13	11.1
Devonport	5.39	5.2	6.02	5.0
Dover	10.59	5.9	11.16	6.3
Falmouth	5.09	5.0	5.32	4.8
Glasgow	12.56	4.2	12.36	4.6
Harwich	11.56	3.6	—	—
Holyhead	10.20	5.3	10.38	5.1
Hull	6.22	6.6	6.27	7.0
Ilfracombe	5.53	8.4	6.14	8.4
Leith	2.33	5.0	2.48	5.1
Liverpool	11.13	8.8	11.32	8.7
Lowestoft	9.53	2.1	9.29	2.3
Margate	—	—	12.12	4.3
Milford Haven	6.12	6.5	6.31	6.4
Newquay	5.02	6.5	5.21	6.5
Oban	5.45	3.7	6.16	3.7
Penzance	4.35	5.3	4.57	5.1
Portland	6.48	2.0	7.23	1.8
Portsmouth	11.22	4.2	11.45	4.3
Shoreham	11.09	5.8	11.35	5.9
Southampton	10.52	4.2	11.22	4.3
Swansea	6.17	8.6	6.39	8.7
Tees	3.35	4.8	3.42	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	11.50	3.8	—	—

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.37	2.25
Austria Sch	20.25	19.15
Belgium Fr	60.70	57.30
Canada $	2.12	2.02
Denmark Kr.	10.87	10.27
Finland Mkk	7.35	6.85
France Fr	9.57	9.07
Germany Dm	2.895	2.735
Greece Dr	228	208
Hong Kong $	12.25	11.65
Ireland Pt	1.088	1.028
Italy Lira	2050	1940
Japan Yen	247	233
Netherlands Gld	3.25	3.07
Norway Kr	11.09	10.49
Portugal Esc	220	210
South Africa Rd	3.95	3.25
Spain Pta	201.25	191.25
Sweden Kr	10.31	9.76
Switzerland Fr	2.435	2.305
USA $	1.585	1.515
Yugoslavia Dnr	900	800

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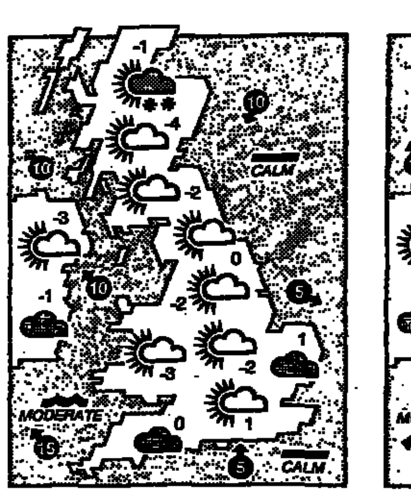

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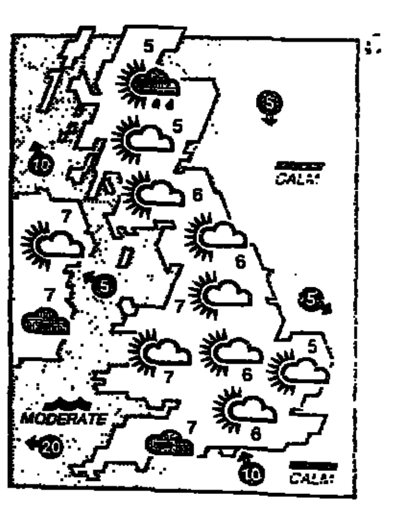

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.41 pm to 6.48 am
Bristol 5.51 pm to 6.57 am
Edinburgh 5.41 pm to 7.12 am
Manchester 5.44 pm to 7.01 am
Penzance 6.06 pm to 7.06 am

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YESTERDAY

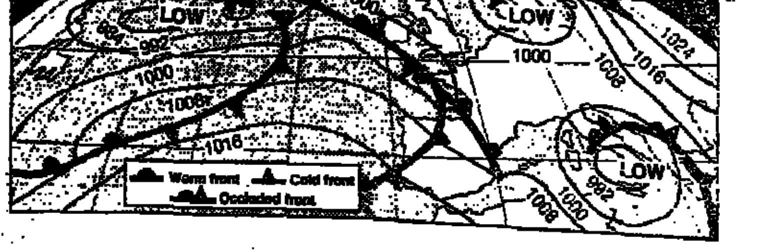
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	4	39	Guernsey	f	6	43
B'mgham	c	5	41	Inverness	f	3	37
Blackpool	c	5	41	Jersey	s	9	48
Bristol	c	6	43	London	c	5	41
Cardiff	f	5	41	M'nchster	s	5	41
Edinburgh	r	3	37	Newcastle	c	5	41
Glasgow	s	5	41	R'nldsway	c	5	41

Full Moon 8.58 pm

Sun rises: 7.19 am
Sun sets: 5.11 pm
Moon sets 7.41 am
Moon rises 4.38 pm

NOON TODAY



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